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G. O. PARKER TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR



REV. G. O. PARKER

Rev. G. O. Parker, pastor at Carthage, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday, November 13. He will be heard over the following stations:

At 8:30 p. m. over WLAU, Laurel and WLOX, Biloxi; at 2 p. m. over WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WLEO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WAPF, McComb; WJMB, Brookhaven; WNAG, Grenada; WHOC, Philadelphia.

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PLANS PROGRESSING FOR 1950 MEETING OF THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

CLEVELAND, Ohio—(BP)—Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, met here with the local committee on arrangements to make preliminary arrangements for the 1950 Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland. Dr. Ohrn reported that the program is rapidly taking shape and detailed announcement will be released in the near future.

The meetings of the Congress will open on Saturday, July 22, with an afternoon session in the Public Hall. President Truman has been invited to deliver an address.

Registrations are now coming into the Cleveland office of the Committee on Arrangements. Applications for hotel and home housing will be made through this committee, and in the order of the receipt of the registration accompanied by a fee of \$5.00. Address Dr. D. R. Sharpe, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Convention Plans Complete Meets Nov. 15-17, In Jackson

Pause a moment for prayer each day at 12. Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour.

State, Home Missions Featured Tuesday Nite
The Home, Foreign Missions Emphasized Wednesday Night

With more than 1,500 messengers and visitors expected to attend the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention at Jackson November 15-17 final plans are being completed for the meeting.

Tuesday

The Convention will be called to order at 9 a. m. on Tuesday morning by the president, Dr. W. E. Green of Newton. The music will be directed by Reid Moore of Jackson, the devotional by L. I. Jones of State College and the prayer by Rev. O. B. Anderson of Long Beach.

After the Convention has been called to order and the messengers recognized, Dr. W. Douglass Hudgins of Jackson will deliver the welcome address and Bruce Aultman of Hattiesburg will respond. After special music by Lamar Alexander of Pascagoula the report of the Committee on Order of Business will be heard followed by the naming of the Committee on Committees and the recognition of visitors. Following this the president, Dr. Green will deliver the annual president's address. The Committee on Committees will report and this will be followed by the Brotherhood report under the direction of W. R. Roberts. Following special music by the Mississippi Woman's choir, the annual sermon will be delivered by Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr., of Hattiesburg.

The Tuesday afternoon session will include music led by James Richardson of Magee, Scripture by Carol Gartin of Laurel and prayer by Rev. Sam Waggoner of Centreville. The following reports will also be made: Committee on Committees; presentation of resolutions; a City Mission Program, by Rev. A. Marvin Sanders of Brookhaven; the American Bible Society, by Rev. Paul Cooper of Handsboro; Presenting and Referring of the Convention Board Report; Presenting and Referring of the Christian Education Report; Presenting and Referring of the Social Service Report; Temperance by Dr. W. L. Holcomb; The Baptist Book Store by Mrs. O. M. Jones; and the Report of Committee Appointed to Study the Charter of the Education Commission.

At the Tuesday evening session the music will be in charge of Lamar Alexander of Pascagoula, the Scripture by Dr. D. M. Nelson.

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Dr. William McCain, right, presents to President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College the medallion awarded a female graduate of the school in June, 1833. The medallion was given to the college by Mrs. Harris Gholson, grand-niece of Miss Mary M. Mills, the 1833 graduate, and offers documentary proof that Mississippi College was the first college in the United States to grant degrees to women. (Photo by Bobby Moulder).

Mississippi College Looks to the Future DR. NELSON STRESSES NEED OF GRADUATE SCHOOL "Spiritual Values Must Be Pre-Eminent," Says College Head

CLINTON, Miss., Nov. 5—In a special program of achievements held on Saturday afternoon of Homecoming Day, Mississippi College counted past achievements and laid plans for the future. Alumni and friends were encouraged because of the completion of the building program of the college, totaling \$1,000,000 in buildings, and were challenged to look toward graduate and professional work as the next step.

The program was opened by a welcome by Charles Gentry, president of the student body. In a response representing the alumni, Will M. Whittington, congressman from the third district paid a tribute to the late Dr. J. W. Provine, former president, who died this week, as "an inspiring teacher" and great leader.

Dedicate Eight Buildings

The program included the formal dedication of the eight new buildings constructed on the campus during the last five years. Dr. D. M. Nelson, (Continued On Page Two)

All Mississippi Baptists Called To Prayer

W. E. GREENE, President, Mississippi Baptist Convention

CONVENTION PLANS COMPLETE

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ture read by R. Wade Ousley of Meridian and prayer by J. W. Oliver of Courtland. The Mississippi College choir will render special music and addresses will be made by Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Convention Board on "State Missions" and J. P. Carter of Atlanta on "Home Missions."

Wednesday

The Wednesday morning session will begin with music, Scripture and prayer by Reid Moore, Troy Mohon of Newton and Rev. Donald Bennett of Carriere. The following reports will be made: Committee on Nominations for Trustees of the Baptist Foundation, and members of the Convention Board; the Baptist Orphanage by W. G. Mize; Relief and Annuity by Dr. Joe T. Odle; Radio by Rev. A. L. Gatewood; Special Music by the Clarke College Choir; the Woman's Missionary Union by Miss Edwina Robinson; B. T. U. by Auber J. Wilds; Sunday School by Dr. E. W. Williams. Addresses at the morning session will be made by Dr. William P. Davis on "The Cooperative Program" and by Dr. Joe W. Burton of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Wednesday afternoon will be opened with music, Scripture and prayer by W. S. Haynie of Jackson, J. T. Grantham of Jackson and Rev. John B. Laney of Booneville. The following reports will be made: Committee to Review Convention Board Report; Evangelism and Stewardship by Rev. M. J. Gilbert; Committee to Review Social Service; Mississippi Baptist Hospital by Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy; Baptist Memorial Hospital by Dr. E. D. Elliot of Greenville; the Baptist Foundation by Leland Speed; The Baptist Record by A. L. Goodrich; Report of Committee on Nominations; Baptist Student Union by Charles W. Horner; Institutional Visitation by Rev. James B. Parker; Displaced Persons by Rev. M. Glenn Smith of McComb.

The election of officers will be the final item on the Wednesday afternoon program.

Music, Scripture and prayer will open the Wednesday evening sessions led by Harris D. Shinn of Jackson, T. C. Sandifer of Brookhaven and Rev. Phil J. Walker of Vicksburg. The Blue Mountain Choir will render special music and addresses will be delivered by Dr. Joe W. Burton on "The Christian Home" and "Foreign Missions" by Dr. S. E. Maddox of the Foreign Mission Board. The report on Foreign Missions will be presented by Dr. W. A. Bell of Winona.

Thursday

The final session on Thursday morning will begin with song, Scripture and prayer by Newell Massey of Durant, Ralph Reeves of McComb and Rev. N. G. Hickman of Louisville. Dr. Herbert L. Lang, outstanding Negro educator, will speak on the Mississippi Baptist Seminary; the Committee on Review of Christian Education will report, followed by ten minute reports from Blue Mountain College, Clarke Memorial College, Mississippi College and Mississippi Woman's College. Following a discussion of Christian Education, ten minute reports from Southern Baptist Seminary, New Orleans Seminary and Southwestern Seminary will be heard. Dr. Robert C. Guy of Southwestern Seminary will then speak on Theological Education. Following the report on the Baptist Historical Society by Dr. J. L. Boyd, the Committee on time, place and preacher will be made.

Dr. J. W. Provine Passes At Clinton

Dr. John William Provine, 83, president-emeritus of Mississippi College and noted Southern educator, died at his home in Clinton at 9:45 Wednesday night, Nov. 2.

He had been in ill health for some time, but his condition had gradually worsened in recent days and weeks. He suffered several serious illnesses during the past few years, but a sturdy body and a stout, fighting heart had pulled him through.

The passing of "Dutchy," the name by which he was affectionately known to thousands of former Mississippi College students, marked the end of an era of the college. He was the last of "the old school" of distinguished educators that for years made up the faculty of the Baptist educational institution.

Until his retirement several years ago, Dr. Provine had served Mississippi College faithfully as a professor, department head or president for nearly a half century. Even after his retirement Dr. Provine maintained a keen interest in the school and its students, and keep well-informed on the activities of its students.

He had watched with pride the cultural, spiritual and physical growth at the college to which he had so unselfishly given so much of his life.

Dr. Provine's first term as president of the Clinton institution came in 1897-98. The year before he had acted as chairman of the college faculty while the school did not have a president.

In 1898, however, Dr. W. T. Lowery was named president, and Dr. Provine reverted to professor of chemistry.

He was installed as president again in 1911, and served continuously until his retirement in 1932. He continued as a faculty member until 1941.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. Mary Sproles Provine; one daughter, Mrs. Dave Callahan of Clinton; one son Dr. Henry S. Provine, Tallulah, La., and four grandchildren, Fraer Scott, Mary Joe Provine, Dorothy Provine, and Marion Kay Provine.

It was Doctor Provine who was mainly responsible for the organization of Battery E, 140th Field Artillery, during World War I.

An address he delivered to the student body shortly after war was declared resulted in practically every one of them volunteering for service. They organized Battery E and fought together during most of the war.

Dr. Provine was born in Big Creek, Calhoun County, June 19, 1866, the son of Capt. and Mrs. R. N. Provine.

He attended school in Calhoun county, received his Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Mississippi in 1888 and his Masters degree from the same institution in 1890.

He later attended the University of Goettengen in Germany, and won his doctorate in philosophy there in 1893. He joined the faculty of Mississippi College the same year.

He served as president of the Mississippi Association of Colleges in 1922 and 1923, (as president of the Mississippi Association of Teachers from 1922 through 1929) and as president of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association for 25 years until his resignation in 1946.

He had been mayor of Clinton, a member of the board of ministerial education for the Mississippi Baptist Convention; and a member of the commission which directed construc-



DR. J. W. PROVINE

tion of the state mental hospital at Whitfield.

The college's science building, completed during his tenure, was renamed "Provine Building" by the board of trustees.

Final rites were held from the Clinton church at 2 p. m. Friday.

The services were conducted by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, pastor-emeritus of the First Church in Jackson and a lifelong friend of Dr. Provine. He was introduced by the Rev. Nolan M. Kennedy, pastor of the Clinton Church.

Special vocal numbers were given by Alvon Doty and Frank Slater of Jackson, with Dr. Grady Cox, head of the Mississippi College piano department at the organ.

Three of Dr. Provine's former students, who have been especially close to him through the years, made brief addresses in memory of their friend and teacher. They were Cecil Travis, E. D. Kenna and Robert Gandy, all of Jackson.

Honorary pallbearers were faculty members and trustees of Mississippi College, deacons of the Clinton Baptist church, graduates and former students of Mississippi College Judge W. D. Anderson, J. M. Hartfield, Dr. William D. McCain, Hunter Moorhead, Walter A. Scott, Boyd Campbell, Judge Harvey McGehee, O. B. Taylor, Dr. Harvey Garrison, Sr., Heath Foster of Birmingham, Judge Percy Lee of Forest, O. R. Johnson of Clinton and W. A. Brown of Clinton.

Active pallbearers were Cecil Travis, E. D. Kenna, Joe Peeler, Cliff Hester, Robert Gandy, Stanley L. Robinson, Dick Albritton, Dr. Dowden Reynolds, Ross Barnett, Ralph Hester, B. B. McClendon and Zach Hederman.

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MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE LOOKS TO

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president of the college, presented a plaque upon which each of the eight buildings were reproduced, to Dr. W. A. Sullivan, president of the board of trustees.

Buildings dedicated included Hederman Hall, named for the late R. M. Hederman, Sr., the late T. M. Hederman, Sr., Mrs. R. M. Hederman, Sr., and Mrs. T. M. Hederman, Sr.; Gunter Hall, named for Dr. R. B. Gunter; Nelson Auditorium and Nelson Hall, named for Dr. D. M. Nelson; the Band Building; Lowrey Library Annex, named for Dr. W. T. Lowrey; Whittington Student Center, named for Congressman Will M. Whittington; Mary Aven Music Hall, and six apartment buildings for married students.

Dr. Nelson expressed appreciation

on the part of the school to "the large number who gave so generously."

Preceding the dedication was the presentation by Dr. William McCain, director of the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, of the medallion given Miss Mary M. Mills at the time of her graduation from Mississippi College in 1833. The medallion, which was presented to Dr. Nelson, documents the claim of Mississippi College to the honor of being the first college in the United States to grant degrees to women.

"This is proof," Dr. McCain declared, "that Mississippi, over a century ago, demonstrated leadership in education, and in education for women."

Mrs. Harris Gholson, grand-niece of Miss Mary M. Mills, was donor of the Medallion.

President Nelson then brought the address of the afternoon entitled "The Next Step." He stressed the absolute necessity of Mississippi Baptists pro-



Shown above is Dr. W. A. Sullivan, president of the Mississippi College Board of Trustees receiving the plaque from Dr. D. M. Nelson, College president.

viding a graduate and professional school as an outgrowth of Mississippi College. In doing this neither conservative Christian principles nor highest scholastic standing could be sacrificed. In his stirring message President Nelson made the following statements.

"In these days of severe competition, colleges must first of all justify their reason to exist; they must be able to meet adequately reasonable demands and satisfy justifiable needs.

"Mississippi College began as a community enterprise, and Blue Mountain College as a family undertaking, and rich was their service under their original sponsorships. But changing conditions necessitated a larger field of operation and a stronger support for extended growth and increasing usefulness.

"Mississippi College has now been under control of Mississippi Baptists for ninety-nine years. This sponsorship is still wholly desirable and potentially adequate, but there should be a quickening of interest, a recognition of opportunity and need, and a fixed and steady purpose to supply these essentials as good stewards of a large opportunity.

Five Fireproof, Three Frame Buildings and 75 Apartments Erected

"During the past few years, as is well known, Mississippi College has been giving much attention to enlarging and improving its physical facilities." (Continued On Page Thirteen)

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

TELEGRAPHIC NOTE

As we close the second week of the second month of our vacation-leave, we had the privilege in personal conversation of winning a twenty-five year old woman to Christ. There is no vacation in soul winning. The providences of God were strange in this case as in some others. A person in Minneapolis, Minnesota found out the name of a preacher from Mississippi and sent to him the name of this other party with a statement that she was dying with cancer and was unsaved. With tears in her eyes after the commitment she said she now had peace and satisfaction not known before. She was in both services at church and radiantly happy. Doxology!

I

The Gentle Side of Christ

"He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets." Matt. 12:17-21.

Christians have a lot of organization but often little of the Spirit of Christ!

Christians are today giving more generously of their money to the work of Christ than ever in the history of Christianity, but can it be said we have more of the spirit of Christ?

Christians are today better educated than ever, but sometimes with less of the spirit of Christ!

Christians today have more beautiful houses of worship in which to worship than ever before, but do we exemplify more of the spirit of Christ?

"He shall not strive," I. e. "contend, dispute."

Others will choose their own course but as for me I shall try to follow the Christ pattern in this matter!

The Lightning Side of Christ

Read all of Matthew 23.

"O generation of vipers," says Jesus to hypocrites in words that sting—Matt. 12:34.

Jesus again thunders, "ye are of your father the devil . . . he is a liar." John 8:44.

A Christ-man will erupt against hypocrisy as did Jesus. We hope we may be like Him in that!

II

Dr. F. M. Purser, Chairman of Special Committee, brought in last year to the Convention Board, a recommendation that building allocations must be paid the year for which they are made. That means the church must qualify by making a substantial start in building operations.

Now, \$20,000 has been allocated First Baptist Church, Oxford, the church of which Dr. Purser is pastor. This allocation was made about four (4) years ago. The church has not qualified at this late date.

We treat everybody alike in this office. There are no lords and nobles in Mississippi Baptist work. It would be hypocritical to turn down those smaller churches getting only \$300.00, \$500.00 and the like for building purposes and pay a larger sum to another when none qualified. That would be rank favoritism. Our ruling is that this sum will not be paid without further action by the Board. We must carry on the Lord's work by established procedures. That is our policy always.

This is official notice to the Baptist Foundation in the matter.

Brethren, let us be just. Let us be fair. Let us treat everybody alike.

III

Latest News Notes

1. A great session of the Executive Committee has just been held. All members present except one. Each vote unanimous so far as we recall. That is the way it was in the olden days when the Spirit was in possession of the lovers of Jesus—see Acts, chapters 1-6. The work

of Mississippi Baptists has prospered as we have gone forward together under a spiritual leadership. Baptisms highest ever. First, we gave to His work one-half million dollars, then one million dollars, then one and one-half million dollars, then nearly two million dollars. We are now ready to baptize more in the great program, and ready to give two million dollars to His work, then three million dollars to His work. Nobody but the devil and ourselves will keep us from it. God wants it! Jesus wants it! The Holy Spirit wants it! Many of us want it!

2. We have just had a heavy October schedule that almost wiped out the refreshment of our vacation—leave in September. It was worth it—seeing our associations on fire for the Lord—and witnessing right at fifty (50) persons walking the aisles for Christ in revival and regular services.

3. The Executive Committee graciously granted us one month extra vacation—leave on salary. We had asked for a couple without salary. We knew we were to the point which told us we just had to slow down. Ochners Clinic had told us that. Dr. Avent, Grenada, had told us that. Our own condition told us that. God had sent along a good assistant in Brother Davis and some grand office helpers in ALL our departments. We could leave His work in faithful hands. (Oh, yes, we had some others before.)

We have not supplied every Sunday by any means, but we have supplied one Sunday beyond our regular vacation month. This has been with some great people at Tabernacle, Chicago. God has blessed it in sending some sixteen or more persons down the aisles for Him. The people have taken us in for this short while as their very own pastor, though they will understand that we were supplying.

Being in our sixth week of the nine weeks of proposed vacation-leave, this looks like as usual, we may not get to finish it, because the work looms large—next week the Virginia Convention, the next week our Convention, the next week a great Moody Evangelistic Conference in Chicago, then our Board meeting.

4. Our heart melts as we think of the love and loyalty to Christ on the part of our pastors and churches, many of our institutional leaders, trustees, other leaders, etc. We let out a sacred cheer before the Executive Committee as the Bookkeeper came with the word that as books were closed for that Convention year, you had set a new all-time record in Cooperative Program contributions.

5. The Board meeting and the Convention will show whether all of us are worthy of the blessings God has showered upon us, or whether we are too little for Him and His work! I. Cor. 13. John 13:34-35. John 15. Acts 1:8. John 3:16.

IV

Physical Violence In Behalf of the Good

In the Bible we have examples of physical violence in defense of the good. The first example is in Jesus cleansing the Temple. "And Jesus went into the temple of God—cast out all them that sold and bought—overthrew tables of money changers." Matthew 21:12. Some things Jesus will not passively stand for! Neither will the Christ-man!

Simon Peter exercised mistaken physical violence in defense of his blessed Lord. Matthew 26:51.

Job, the best man of his day, tells us very emphatically, "And I brake the jaws of the wicked." Job 29:17. His fist carried a real wallop. He used it only against the wicked.

Nehemiah had a "rough on rats" attitude against the hybrids of his day. "I contended with them and plucked off

their hair." Nehemiah 13:25. Pulling out hair is a rather bloody business but Nehemiah, one of God's great, a world citizen, did it in his day.

Physical Violence in Promoting Evil

The Bible gives us examples of physical violence in promoting evil. The first example is toward Jesus—they slapped Him in the face, they spat upon Him, they whipped Him, they drove thorns down upon Him, they drove nails through His hands and feet, they thrust a sword in His side. Isaiah 53. Psalm 22. John 19.

They beat the disciples. Acts 5:40.

Hypocrites persecuted the church. Acts 8:1.

They put in jail church members. Acts 8:3-4.

Herod killed James with the sword. Acts 12:1-3.

Paul and Silas are put in jail. Acts 16. Leaders enter into a conspiracy against Paul. Acts 23:14.

"And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul. Now therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you tomorrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him." Acts 23:12-15.

V

The paragraph below is the sort that makes a fellow want to do his best for Christ and His friends:

"Dear Dr. McCall:

"I have just returned from a very wonderful visit with the Holly Springs Baptists. The church is an outstanding example of how far-reaching the influence of an intelligent, consecrated pastor can be. Howard Aultman certainly has led that church in the right direction. Many of the members said to tell Scotchie we are for him one hundred per cent, and are looking forward to his being with us for a series of revival services sometime within the next year or two. Mr. Collins, whom you will remember, who has been superintendent of the Sunday School for more than twenty years, said to please tell Scotchie that we are really counting on having him with us when we go into our new educational building. I enjoyed every minute of the time up there."

Consider these figures:

VI

2,000,000,000 people in the world.

20,000,000 Baptists in the world.

Consider those figures. Why such a small number of Baptists in proportion to the world population? Where have Baptists been all the time? What have Baptists been doing through the centuries? Why are there not more Baptists?

The answers to some of these questions are not too hard to find. If those were Baptists back in the New Testament days, some, according to the Epistle to the Galatians, were unstable in the doctrines of Christ threatening to go back to Judaism.

Some, according to First Corinthians, fifth chapter, went into immorality. Some, according to First Corinthians, first chapter, were fussy, divisive. Some were disorderly, busybodies, meddling in the business belonging to other people, according to the last chapter in First Corinthians and the last chapter in Second Corinthians.

In the seven churches of Asia, as found in the second and third chapters of Revelation, some were doing just about everything Christians should not be doing and doing practically nothing along those lines in which Christians should be engaged.

After nearly 2,000 years the picture

has not changed so far as some are concerned. We do thank the Lord that multitudes today stand by the Cross just as did the faithful few in John 19:25.

VII

The closed mind is the greatest enemy of progress. Nothing closes the mind like sin. It may be sin of selfishness, laziness, stubbornness, pride, hate, lying, lust, drunkenness, unbelief or some other! Withal it is SIN!

Lost minds have their minds closed against the truth of Jesus as Saviour!

Some saved people have their minds closed against certain portions of His word. They do not want to believe certain truths in the Bible!

Some saved people have their minds closed against some of their fellow workers! They are jealous! They may desire the position for themselves or for friends! They are not getting the favoritism for themselves they crave etc!

Some saved people have their minds closed against the work of Jesus. It is horrible to think but some professedly saved people do not want the truth about the work of the blessed Saviour!

Of course, some are not saved who profess to be. Jesus teaches that fact in Matthew 25:41-46.

The precious Gospel of John is filled with tragic illustrations of the closed mind.

"He came unto His own but His own received Him not." John 1:11. Their minds were closed to Him! The Jews had a closed mind about His resurrection and misinterpreted what He said about it. John 2:18-22. The jealousy of the Pharisees closed their minds as Jesus grew in popularity. John 4:1. The fellow townsmen of Jesus closed their minds against Him manifestly jealous. Jesus said, "A prophet hath no honour in his own country." John 4:44.

Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, "therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay him." John 5:16. They were not interested in healing and helping men. They were interested in themselves. They had closed minds at that point. Jesus claimed to be one with the Father. The closed mind works—"Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him." John 5:18.

"Ye will not come to me, that ye might have life." John 5:40. Why? Answer: their minds were set fast and hard against the Truth! John 14:6. Jesus again says to the same "religious" group, "I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not." John 5:43. Why wouldn't they receive Him? Answer: Closed mind!

Some wanted to make Him a bread king (John 6). He refused. They asked Jesus to explain certain relevant teaching. He did. "The Jews then murmured at him." John 6:41. The Jews wanted Jesus to tell them what they wanted to hear. They were not after the truth! They were after their own desires! (John 6:64). Jesus did tell them what they wanted to hear so with minds closed: "Many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him." John 6:66.

The "closed mind" of the Jews generates fury and they said, "Jesus must go." John 7:1. "After these things Jesus walked in Galilee because the Jews sought to kill him." That is the final full course of this terrible sin—the closed mind!

"For neither did his brethren believe on Him (Jesus)." John 7:5. Their minds were closed!

When some said, "He is a good man," others said, Nay; but Jesus deceiveth the people." John 7:12. The closed mind!

Oh, the degradation of a closed mind as the people said to my blessed Saviour, "Thou hast a devil." John 7:20.

Look at closed minds seeking to lay hand upon the blessed Christ: "the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take Jesus." John 7:32.

The closed mind grinds its teeth, "So there was a division among the people

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Let Us Pray

On page one is a simple but earnest appeal from Dr. W. E. Greene, president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. As many people know, some serious questions are to come before our Convention. We want to add our "Amen" to the request of Dr. Greene.

Preachers preach about prayer, Baptist men and women talk long and loud about the power of prayer. Now is the time for us to practice what we preach. We need to be in earnest prayer that every action of the coming Convention will be according to God's will and that all of us will do the things that God would have us do.

We know from experience that God will guide. We have been in many tough spots. And every time that we let God lead us we came out all right.

LET US PRAY.

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Railroads Transport Orphanage Supplies Without Charge

Last week we published a listing of the train schedules for the transportation of the annual offering of supplies for the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson. We urge all of our readers to clip this schedule and to see that their church makes a generous offering.

Baptists have never yet fallen down in their support of the Orphanage and certainly they are not going to fall down this year.

Anything that can be used in your home can be used in the Orphanage and God's word is very specific about the support of orphans.

Superintendent Mize stresses the fact that it also requires cash to operate the orphanage. Each church could well make not only an offering of food and supplies but an offering of money.

The charitable institutions of Mississippi are due a debt of grati-

tude to the railroads and transportation agencies that give this free service which amounts to thousands of dollars. Many offerings would be much less if freight had to be paid on the supplies.

Many of our readers should write the transportation agency that serves them and thank them for this help. Certainly every person who takes any goods to the depot should thank the local agent.

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The Mississippi Baptist Convention

The 114th session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will meet with the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on November 15. The program appeared in the issue of October 27 and a resume of the program appears in this issue.

With such a feast of good things in prospect, every Baptist church in Mississippi should be represented. These are momentous days through which we are passing, and we need the combined wisdom of all our constituency. It is better to help solve problems and plan programs than to complain about what others did.

In all that we do and propose, let us stress evangelism, missions and training. Let us be much in deep, earnest prayer and thoughtful consideration of all our work in Mississippi and to the uttermost parts of the world.

The 1949 Convention should be a feast of fellowship as we rejoice in the past accomplishments and plan for greater things in the days to come.

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How Many Messengers

Several people have requested information about the number of messengers each church is entitled to send to the Baptist State Convention. We quote below Article IV, Sections 1 and 2:

Article IV.

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from the regular white Baptist churches in Mississippi in harmony and cooperation with the purposes of the Convention.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to one messenger for the first one hundred, or fraction thereof, of its membership, and one messenger for each additional hundred members or major fraction thereof, but no church shall be entitled to more than ten messengers.

This means that every church described in Section one, however large or small, is entitled to at least one messenger. Churches are entitled to one messenger if they have 100 members or less, however few that may be. Churches of more than 100 are entitled to one messenger for every 100 or fraction thereof. For example, a church with 114 members is en-

titled to two messengers; so is the church with 196. Churches with 217 are entitled to three messengers. A church with 597 is entitled to six.

Note that no church, however large, is entitled to more than ten messengers.

Any number of alternate messengers may be elected. But they cannot vote except in the absence of regular messengers.

It is needless to say that everyone is welcome and urged to attend.

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Dr. J. W. Provine

Mississippi is poorer and heaven is richer because of the passing of Dr. John William Province, gentleman, educator, scholar and beloved by all who knew him.

Dr. Province was lovingly and affectionately known as "Dutchy." But it was a nickname of love and not one of derision as is often the case with nicknames.

To know him was to love him. He was a master in his chosen field of learning, but well versed in all. Not only was he a great teacher, but he was a great gentleman. On another page will be found the account of his life but the results of his life cannot be put on paper for many of his high ideals are engraved in the hearts and lives of countless former students and these characteristics will not die but continue to be passed on from generation to generation.

As one friend put it, "Dr. Province was a man's man." He was equally at home with the high and the low, the learned and the unlearned, the rich and the poor. With him character counted, not cash. He was quick to scorn falsehood and to condemn sophistry and as quick to applaud honesty, intellectual or financial. Whether high or low, he knew you when he met you.

For nearly 50 years he served Mississippi College as president, department head and teacher. During these years and even during the days of his retirement from active college service he contributed much to the growth of Mississippi College and thousands of student's lives were enriched by association with him as teacher, friend and confidant.

Not only did he command the respect of both students and citizens, but he was also one of the most popular teachers connected with the college.

No Choctaw can ever forget his interest in sports. His pep talks were classics. Exhibit one is the talk he made to the student body at the beginning of America's part in World War I. After he had spoken at chapel almost the entire student body volunteered for service.

The services of Dr. Province were

not confined to Clinton and Mississippi College. He served on the commission that had charge of the construction of the modern state hospital for mental diseases at Whitfield, as mayor of the town of Clinton and as a member of the Board of Ministerial Education.

But best of all, he was a devout Christian. Unless providentially prevented, he rarely missed attending his church services.

Of him as of the Peerless Paul it is fitting to say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

And though he is physically dead, he lives on, both here and in heaven. In his death at 83 years of age, Mississippi loses a distinguished educator, a loyal citizen, a faithful servant and a cherished friend.

Mississippi is the loser.

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Send Your Pastor

If your church has not already made plans, it is not too late to make arrangements to send your pastor to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which meets in Jackson on the morning of November 15.

Either provide the funds out of the church budget or let someone take the lead and solicit the funds from among the members of the church.

It will be money well spent. The pastor will come back refreshed, informed and inspired.

See that your pastor attends the Convention.

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Christmas Gift Tip

Here is the quickest, easiest and cheapest way to give an acceptable, helpful Christmas gift.

Make a list of all the people to whom you want to give presents at Christmas and send to the Baptist Record with their names and addresses. Send a check or money order at the rate of \$1.50 each. If you request it, we will send them a card (to reach them Christmas week) advising them that they are to receive the Baptist Record for a whole year as a Christmas gift from you.

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Pause a moment for prayer each day at 12. Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour.

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A SEED FALLS ON OKINAWA (\$1.75)

is a vibrant story which emerges from a crucial period in world affairs and is woven by a combined series of history-making events. One purpose of the author, Peter A. Hewitt, in this book is to aid in the conversion of the Orient. The story of the Gospel formed the basis of this story, and will provide the reader with ample food for thought. Orders should be sent to the publisher, The Christopher Publishing House, 1140 Columbus Ave., Boston 20, Mass., or to the Baptist Book Store.

Work Progresses At Summit Under Leadership Of Wilson



ROE WILSON

Rev. Roe Wilson is finding Summit a happy and fruitful spot for his work. He began his pastorate there on October 1. Sunday School attendance is growing and the building committee is on the eve of further announcements concerning the building program. He is particularly pleased by the demonstration of united Christianity as evidenced by the dismissal of services in other churches in the community in order that all might come and hear the new pastor. This spirit of unity will again be manifested when the churches of the community again meet together in the joint annual Thanksgiving service. Choir director W. S. Swinney will be in charge of special music for this occasion.

Mr. Wilson and his mother are happily housed in the Baptist parsonage, where beautifully refinished floors, a kitchen shower and a brand new living room suite have made the home brighter and lovelier.

During the month of October there have been seventeen additions to the church.

Mr. Wilson is a graduate of Monticello High School, of Mississippi College and of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

During the war he served as a glider pilot with the 9th Troop Carrier Command, E. T. O., participating in seven major campaigns and three airborne invasions of Southern France. He saw service in almost all of the countries engaged in war and when he was discharged as a Flight Officer in December, 1945, he had earned the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the American Defense Ribbon, the European Theatre ribbon with seven battle stars and the arrowhead which indicates participation in an airborne landing behind enemy lines; and the Victory Medal.

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NINE ADDED AT CALVARY CHURCH, JONES COUNTY

Rev. T. E. Fant, student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary led Calvary church, Jones county, in a revival in October. There were nine additions, seven by baptism.

County Missionary C. J. Rushing led the singing.

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DEACON W. A. RHOADES, SR., OF Mt. Moriah Church, Tishomingo County is a good friend of the Baptist Record. Annually he takes care of the subscription list of that church. He recently sent in a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions.

Marjorie Moore To Marry

Miss Marjorie Moore, Managing Editor of The Commission, Mission Publication of the Foreign Mission Board, is to be married on December 11 to O. K. Armstrong of Springfield, Missouri. Miss Moore has been managing editor of The Commission since November 1, 1942. Before that time she was connected with the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mr. Armstrong (who is not related so far as is known to the late Mrs. F. W. Armstrong of Missouri) is a professional writer, a member of the staff of Reader's Digest for the past six years and a former member of the Missouri legislature and a prominent Baptist layman.

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UNDOUBTEDLY, EYEBROWS WERE

raised Wednesday when the local paper announced a "benefit" by an organization, of the First Baptist church. Such is not the policy of this church. The error was in the newspaper office.—From the Bulletin of the First Church, Biloxi.

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MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS

(Continued From Page Three)

because of Jesus. And some would have taken Him, but no man laid hands on him." John 7:43-44. No man as yet dared touch that two edged sword! No man as yet dared lay hands on that burning mountain! The closed mind just raged and grew harder!

The closed mind: Have any of the big shots believed on Him? John 7:48.

The closed minds dare to tell the blessed Jesus to His face he does not speak the truth. Oh, the sin of the closed mind! John 8:13. Jesus says to these with closed minds, "I go my way, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sins." John 8:21. What judgment upon the closed mind!

Jesus said to some claiming to be sons of Abraham, "If ye were the sons of Abraham ye would do the works of Abraham—ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do (Galatians 5:19-21)—he is a liar, and the father of it." John 8:39-45. "If God were your father ye would love me!"

"Then took they up stones to cast at him." John 8:59. The closed mind at work against white Truth! It is the same today!

The Jews agreed in their closed mind that if anybody confessed Christ that person would be put out of the synagogue. John 9:22.

Results of the closed mind: division—he hath a devil—he is mad. John 10:19-20. Read John 10:25-31. "Therefore they sought again to take Him: but Jesus escaped out of their hand." John 10:39. After the raising of Lazarus the closed mind seethes in hate and murder brews: "Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put him to death." John 11:53, 57.

The closed mind seems to win in John, chapters 18-19, but wait! Hallelujah! Amen! There is the glorious certainty of a resurrection, a commission, eternity, the Heavenly Home! John, chapters 20-21!

Doxology! There is another side, another crowd, another mind, (Romans 8). It is the open mind, the receptive heart! There were many, many who believed Him, received Him, loved Him, followed Him, go with Him in His Spirit! Read the following references with context in the Gospel of John: 1:37ff; 2:11; 2:23; 4:39, 41, 45, 50; 5:9; 6:2; 7:31; 8:30; 9:38; all of chapters 10, 11, 12, 14, 20 and 21! Doxology! Amen!

Is yours the closed mind or the open mind to Truth about Him, His work, His workers, etc?

Laymen's Day Observed At Moak's Creek, Lincoln Co.

Moak's Creek Church in Lincoln County observed Laymen's Day on October 9. The men filled the choir and furnished the special music. Hugh V. Wall, a layman from Brookhaven, brought the morning message.

Dr. E. C. Williams, secretary of the State Sunday School Department, delivered the address at the evening service.

Ball Ordained At Newton

Rev. H. C. Ball was one of the five Clarke College students who were recently ordained by the Newton Church. An article appeared in an October issue of the Record, but the name of Mr. Ball was omitted.

The Rev. Mr. Ball is the pastor of Lakeview Church, Hattiesburg.

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PASTOR W. C. HOWARD OF FIRST Church, Water Valley, baptized seven on Sunday night, October 23.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BAPTIST BUILDING

November 1, 1949

1. The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met in the office of Dr. D. A. McCall Monday, November 1, at 10:00 a. m. Those present were: President J. D. Ray, Recording Secretary Fred B. Bookter, Executive Secretary D. A. McCall, Associate Executive Secretary William P. Davis, G. O. Parker, W. L. Meadows, C. W. Thompson, H. A. Scott, M. D. Morton, Wayne Alliston, E. D. Hurst and Howard H. Aultman. Visiting with the Committee was George Gay.

2. President J. D. Ray called the meeting to order and George Gay offered prayer.

3. The Committee spent some time studying and reviewing the work of the Convention Board.

4. The Committee adjourned at 12:00 noon to reconvene at 1:30 p. m.

Monday Afternoon Session

5. Prayer was offered by C. W. Thompson.

6. After a review of the work of the Convention Board office the Committee voted to make the following statement:

We, the members of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, deplore the harmful attacks being made upon our State Secretary, Dr. D. A. McCall, and our State Baptist work. These have been verbal, in writing, and lately in print.

We wish to make the following statement concerning the question in general and certain specific items.

1. The work of the Mississippi Baptist Convention and its institutions has progressed splendidly and with almost undreamed of rapidity under the capable and aggressive leadership of Dr. McCall. This year's receipts to the Cooperative Program and the work in general is the best ever to be recorded in Mississippi Baptist history. We have examined both personally and by the aid of auditors the written record of Mississippi Baptist life. Written records are the only true records.

2. We regret that any Mississippi Baptist would give any credence at all to figures unlawfully taken from an office and falsely used. We saw and heard such use made of records.

3. We wish to confirm the fact that the "R" account was a designated account.

4. We call to the attention of Mississippi Baptists the fact that the local press has been misinformed in reporting certain Baptist procedures.

5. We commend those ministers and laymen who year by year are interested enough to give for non-participating churches in an unselfish effort to challenge them into helping in Christ's work.

6. We remind Mississippi Baptists that the Executive Committee and the Convention Board office have all along made improvements in the bookkeeping system. Many improvements have been made, others are being made. We are dependent upon the cooperation of the bookkeeping department which we now fully have.

7. We have no authorized Baptist Record Reserve account. In years past, the title of the Special Account was changed within the bookkeeping department without authorization.

The small checks given to South American missionaries was a splendid effort to repay some Foreign Missionaries for monies taken away from their work in former years because of losses on Baptist Record operations.

8. We wish to express our appreciation to Miss Geraldine McCall for letting her auto go for Convention Board work during the war when autos were scarce. We call to your attention that according to agreement wherein she was given first chance in case of a resale she repossessed the auto for \$1,000 cash after the auto had been driven approximately 40,000 miles in Board service. We note this was within \$125 of the purchase price of the auto for Board work. This was unselfish service.

9. The office of the Executive Secretary had available for use in Board service more than one car during the war upon authority of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee authorized the purchase of the second car. Others were with their knowledge and consent.

10. Be it said to the praise of the Lord Christ who leads in it all that neither auditor, bookkeeper, committee nor any one else has found one mistake costing the Convention Board work one penny. Amen. This statement was made in the recent Board meeting and nobody disputed it.

(Signed) FRED B. BOOKTER, Secretary Executive Committee

7. A motion was made that a letter be sent to the Convention Board Committee appointed to study the work of the Temperance and Institutional Visitation Departments, reminding them of the work of this Committee. The members of the Committee are: O. P. Estes, R. A. Morris, C. J. Smyly, J. H. Cothen, and Robert Martin. Motion carried.

8. A committee composed of Howard H. Aultman, W. L. Meadows and G. O. Parker was appointed to prepare recommendations for the Executive Committee to present to the Convention Board at the Pre-Convention session.

9. The Committee adjourned with prayer by C. W. Thompson.

(Signed) FRED B. BOOKTER, Secretary

Sparks & Splinters

ERROR: AN ERROR OF COOPERATIVE Program receipts was quoted in last week's issue. It should have read Cooperative Program gain for the year was \$11,443.

"CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT" WAS held at the Community House in Batesville on October 25. Following a picnic lunch, music and stunts, the pastor, Rev. Robert Martin, showed the film "Beyond Our Own."

THE ANNUAL DINNER OF THE Southern Seminary Alumni will be held in the lower assembly auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, on Tuesday, November 15 at 5:30 p. m. The price of the dinner is \$1.00.

BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., NOV. 2— Rev. L. A. Sparkman, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark., will teach a Training Union study course at Blue Mountain College Nov. 21-23. The textbook will be God's Hurry by Dr. Duke McCall, secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Sparkman will speak at the noon-day meditation periods.

ROCKY CREEK CHURCH IN George County has laid tile on the floor of the auditorium. A fund for new pews has been started. During October a new circle was organized in the W. M. S. and fifteen members of the W. M. S. were sent to the District meeting. Five members were baptized during the month and two others added.

CLOSED WONDERFUL STEWARD-ship revival Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., Nov. 6. Had 712 tithers demonstration day, receipts more than \$2,147 as compared with about \$1,000 normal. Pastor E. Butler Abington's fourth anniversary. Church gave him as appreciation of his four years service, \$200.00. Great church and pastor.—B. C. Land.

THE MANY FRIENDS OF REV. J. B. Parker, Institutional worker for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board with headquarters in the Baptist Building, went to the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, Tuesday, November 8, for a major operation. Unless complications develop he expects to return home within two weeks.

DALLAS, TEX.—(RNC)—FREE Radio time for religious programs over the new Baptist FM radio stations here was offered to other denominations by Dr. R. Alton Reed, director of public relations and radio activities for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

ABERDEEN YOUTH REVIVAL: REV.

Ivrylov Bishop did the preaching in a Youth Revival in the Aberdeen Baptist Church October 28-30. Eight were added to the church and two dedicated their life for full time Christian service while a number rededicated their lives to Christ. Webb Brown had charge of the music. Attendance was good and many are saying this was one of our best meetings. O. W. Thompson, Pastor.

LELAND SPEED, FORMER MAYOR of Jackson, present Chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation, and president of the Leland Speed Company in Jackson, spoke to the faculty and student body of Clarke College in a recent chapel meeting.

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Mrs. M. E. Perry, Mrs. John D. Davis, Greenville; Mrs. W. A. Baldwin, Bill and Sandy, Hattiesburg; Lonnie E. Meadow and Harry Smallwood, Laurel; Mrs. Lila Hopkins, Miss Patsy Baggett, Jackson; H. O. Stewart, Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. John Paschal, Walnut Grove; W. A. Sullivan, Natchez; James Womack, Newton.

W. G. HAMILTON, WHO HAS served as moderator of the Tishomingo Association for several years, resigned at its meeting in Iuka. Officers elected were: Claude Boothe as moderator and Mrs. Paul Skinner as clerk. Only one of the 24 churches failed to report. The others reported a total of 262 baptisms.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH, McCOMB, OR-dained five deacons on October 18. Rev. W. W. Tipton preached the ordination sermon, Rev. John R. Maddox gave the charge to the deacons, and Rev. Charles Ray gave the charge to the church. Rev. J. A. Bryant is the pastor.

IRA L. HUDSON, CLERK OF THE Lafayette County Association did a quick and good job of getting out the minutes for his Association. A copy has already been received in this office. They are well printed and well prepared and reflect credit upon the clerk and those who aided him. The 1950 session will be held with Anchor Church.

REV. W. E. LEE, CLERK OF THE Panola County Association seems to stand in with the printers for the first 1949 Associational Minutes have come to us from Panola County. The minutes are well printed and well prepared. If the Sunday School Board doesn't judge his among the first they will overlook some good minutes.

J. MARSE GRANT HAS BEEN ELECT-ed editor of Charity and Children.

MADDEN CHURCH BUILDS PASTORIUM



Shown above is the recently completed, modern pastorium of the Madden Baptist Church.

Pause a moment for prayer each day at 12. Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN the U. S. plans to send out 75 more missionaries this year, one third of them to Japan. They now report a staff of 1,100 in their foreign mission program.

MISS RACHEL K. McDOWELL, RE-ligious editor of the New York Times for many years who died August 30, left \$3,000 in her will to the Newspaper Guild of New York for printing literature "protesting against blasphemy and profanity" for distribution among newspaper employees.

DR. WILLIAM WARD AYER HAS tendered his resignation to the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, having served as Pastor for fourteen years. After his long and fruitful pastorate at Calvary, Dr. Ayer feels that he should now be free to devote his entire energies to the many evangelistic campaigns throughout the country to which he is being called, and to undertake a new radio ministry which may eventuate in a nation-wide hook-up.

NEW ORLEANS—"PASSPORT TO Nowhere," a 16 mm sound motion picture dealing with the displaced persons problem, is available free of charge by writing the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office at 601 South Olympia St., New Orleans. Running time of the picture is 20 minutes. It shows life in the D.P. camps overseas, and explains why hundreds of thousands are displaced persons. In requesting the picture, indicate first, second and third choice of showing date.

Madden Church completed a modern and convenient pastorium during the summer. Plans began on the house in the spring and a finance committee was elected soon thereafter. When the pastor moved into the house, he found that the pantry had been stocked by the people of the church.

During the past 16 months, the church has received 39 members, 27 for baptism.

During the last quarter Leroy Callahan was ordained by the church and preached his first sermon at the night service that Sunday. Mr. Callahan plans to enroll in Clarke College next year.

Rev. Preston B. Mixon is the pastor.

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GOD'S FINANCIAL PLAN BY DR. B. C. Land is exactly what the title indicates. It is the outgrowth of the author's years of experience, both as a pastor and as a denominational servant, in the field of general stewardship promotion and particularly Stewardship Revivals. It is a brief, concise treatment of the greatly neglected subject of stewardship, tithing, and church finance. Chapter headings are: Stewardship in History and Experience; The Tithe in Scripture and History; Should Christians Tithe?; The Answer To Your Tithing Question; God's Financial Plan; The Bible Method of Church Finance on the Unified Church Budget. Orders should be sent to the author, Jackson, Mississippi.

THE BAPTIST RECORD GREATLY appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Mulberry Church, Montgomery County. The list was sent by F. A. Castle.

STORIES for YOUTH

featuring

CRIPPLE TOM

Sketched by Elmer Peterfen

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ONE WINTER NIGHT WHEN TOM HAD FINISHED WORKING....



IT SURE IS WARM IN HERE... I WONDER WHO THIS JESUS IS?



Baptists To Evangelize Irish Catholics

BELFAST — (RNS) — Irish Baptist Union headquarters here are preparing a special evangelistic drive among Roman Catholics of republican Eire.

Home mission colporteurs who have been doing pioneering work during the past few years say they are being favorably received, and that Roman Catholic opposition, which was formerly extremely bitter, now has "practically ceased."

According to Baptist leaders, colporteurs in the South of Ireland were often driven from markets and fairs by stone-throwing crowds. A new tolerance on the part of priests and people is showing itself, the Baptists assert.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary PAUL D. BOOTHE, Associate
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
Mrs. P. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

One special November emphasis for our Sunday schools is stewardship. This is the time of the year when the churches are making up their budgets for the new year, when the pledges will be secured, and when much effort will be made to get every member of the school to have a part in the stewardship program of the church.

The November issue of the Sunday School Builder has some very fine and helpful articles along this line of our work for this season of the year. Officers and teachers can be helped by the use of this material.

Outside the home, there is no place quite equal to the Sunday school for teaching all the people who attend as to the blessings and pleasures that result from our faithfulness in stewardship opportunities. From the youngest to the oldest, all may have a part in helping to finance the work of Christ, both at home and abroad.

May we use November as a special time to give extra stress to this vital part of our great work.

FULL-TIME WORK

One of the items in the program of this year is 2,000 additional churches with a full-time program of work.

This does not mean a full-time preaching program, because many churches have preaching only once or twice a month.

But it does mean a full-time program of work. Since a church has a Sunday school, there can be a worship season, the teaching of the lesson, a church offering, and a message by some one. The idea is that each Sunday in the year every church can have a full-time program with the above mentioned parts, and maybe others.

Just try to visualize what it would mean to the financial program of every church if there were a church offering every Sunday, and not just when the pastor was there. Many churches have completely revolutionized their financial programs by simply adopting the plan of a church offering every Sunday. Why not? The work is church work, and we have a service every Sunday, if there is a Sunday school.

On page 4 of the November Builder is an excellent article along this line by Mr. Barnette, of the Sunday School Board. Read it and then adopt such a plan, if you do not already have it.

JANUARY BIBLE STUDY

It may sound a little previous to be talking about January in November, but it will soon be here, and now is a good time to make plans for it in a Sunday school way.

For two years now our churches—many of them—have featured the special Bible Study Week in January. Many pastors, superintendents, and teachers have said that it was one of the finest weeks of the entire year in their churches.

The idea is to select a week, early in the new calendar year—January if possible—and have the entire church come together each night and spend the time studying some book in the Bible. And what finer way could we begin a new year?

For 1950, the book selected is Acts. Dr. J. W. Fallis, Book Editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, has written a helpful guide book to be

used, if desired, in connection with this study.

We could wish that every church in Mississippi would join in this program for more Bible teaching and study by all the people. We all certainly need it, and that in abundance.

WHEN ENROL A PUPIL?

When should a new Sunday school pupil be enrolled? That question keeps coming up. The answer is: Whenever he wants to be enrolled.

It may be the first Sunday he attends, or the second Sunday, or some other Sunday.

There is no requirement that one attend so many Sundays—say three—before he can be enrolled.

However, a new pupil should not be put on the roll until he is at least asked about it.

Requiring a new pupil to attend three Sundays before enrolling is no more guarantee that he will be regular in attendance than if he is enrolled the first Sunday he attends.

So, enrol them whenever they want to be enrolled.

TRAIN THE WORKERS

Don't forget to plan some training for your officers and teachers this fall. Many of them are entirely new in the work, and some of them are not new workers but are working in places that are new to them.

So, all need it, and it will pick up the efficiency of your school. We never lose when we train for better work.

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HEAR THE BAPTIST HOUR

Speaker—Dr. Robert G. Lee.
November 13—subject: "The Debts Christ Paid For You."

Stations in Mississippi

At 2:30 p. m. Sundays:

WROF, Hattiesburg; WSLI, Jackson; WTOK, Meridian; WGCM, Gulfport.

The Radio ministry of Southern Baptists is carried on solely through individual voluntary contributions, mailed to THE BAPTIST HOUR, ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 14—A. R. Smith, Union County Convention Board member; L. O. Crosby, Sr., Woman's College trustee.

November 15—Associational Brotherhood Rallies; Miss Helen Bolt, Blue Mountain College BSU Secretary.

November 16—Rev. Wayne Alliston, Rankin County Convention Board member; Mississippi Baptist Convention.

November 17—Mrs. B. T. Bishop, Adams-Franklin Associational W. M. U. Superintendent; Mississippi Baptist Convention.

November 18—Mrs. Louise Turman, Monroe W. M. U. Associational Young People's leader; Mississippi Baptist Convention.

November 19—E. N. Felder, Pike County Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Evangelist, Baptist Convention Board.

November 20—Thanksgiving offerings to the Baptist Orphanage; BSU Thanksgiving Sunrise Services.

Department of Temperance Activities

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One of the reasons for the widespread drinking in our nation today and especially among our young folks is the sub-zero spiritual temperature in many of our churches. It is not uncommon to find churches where some of their leading officers, deacons, or stewards, etc. drink. Wherever men in places of leadership in the churches are drinking alcoholic beverages, they usually do their best to keep their pastor from speaking out against this evil. The great tragedy is, too many pastors let those who do these things keep them from speaking out as God's men standing in Christ's stead pleading with the world to be reconciled to God. The churches are to influence the people of the world and are not to be influenced by the world.

Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but

to be cast out and trodden under foot of men." Matthew 5:13. Political, social, moral, and spiritual conditions would be infinitely better if Christian people measured up to the level of His people, if Christians meet the responsibilities that are theirs. Can it be that we have lost our penetrating pungency and that our world must sink into the "Sleuth of Despond" as a result?

Perhaps the question often comes into the minds of Christian people, "What can I do to suppress the liquor traffic with all its attendant evils?" At least one suggestion is offered here. Do not drink yourself. Do not patronize places where alcoholic beverage is sold. Do your best to make your church a power against this evil. Use your influence to elect only those who are total abstainers to any office or position in your church and also see that your church lifts its voice against this deadly foe.

Attention Former Students Of Southwestern Seminary

Alumni Association president, Nolan M. Kennedy, pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Mississippi, has arranged for our annual luncheon meeting to be held this year in the dining hall of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Wednesday, November 16, immediately following the close of the morning session of the Convention.

The price of the luncheon will be \$1.00 per plate. Since this is priced at cost, we have promise of a better plate at a lower cost than could be secured at any of the hotels.

Dr. Cal Guy, Professor of Missions at our Seminary, will be the featured speaker. Fellowship will be stressed. Officers for the incoming year will be elected.

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Miss. College Alumni Hold Annual Meeting To Provide Band Uniforms TO HONOR DR. PROVINCE

CLINTON—The Mississippi College Alumni Association, meeting on the campus Saturday Nov. 5 as a feature of Homecoming Day, took some practical steps to further its program of service to the institution.

The organization of former students authorized its directorate to confer with President Nelson with a view to making plans for raising a memorial fund to endow the chair of chemistry in honor of the late Dr. J. W. Province. The motion was offered by Judge O. B. Taylor, and the sum of \$100,000 was mentioned.

Early equipment of the College marching band with new uniforms was provided for by raising of additional funds for this purpose and arrangements for guaranteeing payment of the additional amount necessary in the near future. J. Wesley Miller of Rolling Fork was leader of this project.

The association voted to request President Nelson and the College trustees to give consideration to the possibility of employing a full-time salaried alumni secretary, in cooperation with the alumni organization. Dr. John Wade Landrum of Canton and Rev. C. J. Olander of Morgan City

took the lead in this proposal.

Officers Elected

Unanimously adopting the recommendations of its nominating committee, the association elected the following officers: E. P. Littlejohn, Vicksburg, re-elected president; Vice-President, T. Nolan Touchstone, Jackson (succeeding Dr. Landrum); Secretary-Treasurer, Prof. Walter McGuffee of the College faculty; and new directors, Byron L. Burford, Jackson, Halsey E. Worley, Tupelo, and H. H. Moore of Hattiesburg. Retiring directors are Ralph Hester, Jackson; Mr. Olander, and Dr. Leroy Green of Prentiss.

Dr. Nelson spoke briefly of helpful and hopeful conditions in the efforts of the College to serve Mississippi Baptists, which subject he had reviewed fully in and address at a general meeting in the College auditorium just preceding the alumni meeting. He paid a warm tribute to the memory of Dr. Province and the great work of this lamented leader.

The meeting, on invitation of President Littlejohn, stood in silent prayer as a memorial of honor to Dr. Province and Prof. Murray Latimer, who also had died since the last annual meeting.

Attendance Large

The attendance of the alumni meeting was unusually large and discussions of a full and frank nature disclosed a warm sentiment of support for the College and expansion of its usefulness.

The band uniform situation was presented in detail by two students. Jerry McKenzie of Tralake was spokesman for the band, and Jimmy Stribling of Vicksburg participated as representative of the student body.

The deep and broad interest of the alumni in the current endowment program of the College was made evident, particularly in an earnest plea voiced by Dr. Hendon M. Harris who emphasized the needs of the institution and the resources and responsibilities of the great body of former students and graduates.

President Littlejohn received numerous tributes of praise for his leadership during the past year, in which new impetus has been given to the efforts of the alumni group to strengthen the organization and to be of value to the College.

— Not Good For Baptist Morale —

Editorial By

MARY DAWSON CAIN, Editor and Owner, THE SUMMIT SUN

(This editorial was published in THE SUMMIT SUN Thursday, November 3, 1949, at Summit, Mississippi, and is being published, herewith, with the permission of Mary Dawson Cain)

The recent—and quite belated—"real audit" (we have been informed that audits have been made annually, but not the kind wanted) of accounts in the Baptist headquarters at Jackson might have been a very good thing, but there are a few things wrong with it:

1. This is rather late in the day to be demanding a "real audit," it seems to us. If there was anything really wrong in the headquarters office and any one had personal knowledge of it, that person should not have waited to ask questions concerning it. The time and place for these questions has been provided annually at convention time. And it could have been done without hurt or embarrassment to any one.

2. The matter should have been handled quietly and without public embarrassment to any concerned. After all, this is supposed to be a Christian organization and we can find nothing that smacks of Christianity in a public statement which, if not actually charging misuse of funds, nevertheless makes it abundantly clear that certain persons have not been very careful in conduct of money matters, and hinting that funds have not been wisely used. If the person or persons entrusted with the giant task of over-all direction of financial matters erred at all, we feel confident that it was only in not asking for help and advice from some laymen well versed in financial matters—and not because of any misdeeds on the part of those so entrusted. Errors of judgment there might have been, but we cannot and will not believe that any of them stemmed from dishonesty.

Mississippi Baptists spend fantastic sums annually to maintain our denomination. A public announcement that something is wrong in the state headquarters office is not calculated to have a very healthy effect on the average member who thinks he is giving to the Lord's work. Nor does it speak well for the truly Christian spirit.

It is not the purpose of this editorial to defend Dr. McCall. He stands naked before our God and it is the right of God alone to sit in judgment upon us when we have done our best and stand reviled. One thing is sure: when Dr. Landrum says the work of the Lord cannot go forward under this leadership, it is he who errs. Under the leadership of Dr. McCall our denomination has truly gone forward. That is a matter that cannot be disputed. The record is there for all to see. Why, then, can it not go forward now? Does the fact that his integrity has, in effect, been challenged by a brother minister detract from his usefulness as a dynamic, forthright leader?

We find it very hard to reconcile the attitude of people who profess to be Christians but who can stand before the public

and coldly, without even a semblance of that spirit of brotherly love which should motivate every person professing to be a Christian, wreck the life of a fellow worker. We say frankly that we believe the troubles of Mississippi Baptists belong only to Mississippi Baptists. They do not belong to the public. The public's only possible interest in this is curiosity and a morbid desire to see the ruin of a man's most priceless possession, his reputation.

The person or persons responsible for releasing such a story to the press of the nation have done the Baptist denomination in general and Dr. McCall in particular a grave and lasting wrong.

To us (and to many fellow Baptists with whom we have discussed this matter very frankly) the whole business smacks entirely, too much of a spirit we had hoped never to find in our ranks; petty church politics and petty professional jealousies, grounded in anything BUT a love of God, whose other name is Love, meaning Charity.

Personally speaking, as a Baptist of 30 years standing, the SUN editor here and now—and regardless of any audit—(what can you expect when people whose heads are in the clouds are entrusted with financial matters?)—wishes to pledge to the insulted and outraged persons who have received this public insult, her unqualified belief in their integrity.

When Mississippi Baptists gather in Jackson this month and this regrettable issue comes to the convention floor, the press should be excluded until a final decision is made. This is Baptist business and ONLY Baptist business. The matter should have been handled tactfully, delicately, and in a spirit of brotherly love. Since it has not, let there be no further airing of petty church politics and personalities until the issue is decided. It is the opinion of this editor that, in view of the disastrous public statements that have been made, the offices of Executive Secretary and Treasurer should now be separated, if only to satisfy the demands of Dr. McCall's enemies. But Dr. McCall should by no means resign; he has given generously of his time and talent and even, we are told by some close to him, of his money, in his work. He cannot come out of this without a scar, of course, but he can come out with a "clean bill." It is up to Mississippi Baptists to see that Dr. McCall is accorded a courteous hearing and a privately made Baptist decision. Let us be done with this ugly-spirited, un-Christian battle within our ranks. When we meet in convention, let it be in a spirit of love and mutual trust.

The Department of Promotion — The Baptist Convention Board

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

JACKSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The First Church, Moss Point was host to the Jackson County Association on Monday night and Tuesday, October 10-11. Rev. J. E. Albritton brought the message at the opening session and Rev. C. S. Varnado delivered the associational sermon on Tuesday.

Each phase of the Convention Board work was presented and Dr. G. C. Hodge represented the Baptist Record.

Officers were elected as follows: Rev. Zeno Wells, moderator; Rev. W. R. Storie, vice-moderator; U. S. Coburn, clerk and treasurer; Rev. Wallace Harrell, associate clerk and treasurer; Rev. C. I. Miller, associational Sunday school superintendent; Rev. Wallace Harrell, BTU Director; G. W. Hall, Brotherhood President; Mrs. X. L. Walker, W. M. U. President; C. Lamar Alexander, Music Director; M. S. Varnado, State Board member.

Record readers in Jackson County are now listed as follows: East Moss Point, 84; Escatawpa, 3; Fort Bayou, 1; Fountainbleau, 24; Friendship, 16; Gautier, 39; Kreole, 58; Moss Point, 109; Ocean Springs, 7; Pascagoula, First, 341; Pascagoula, Calvary, 135; Pascagoula, East Side, 14; Red Creek, 16; Unity, 12; Vancleave, 35; Wade, 50; Magnolia, 1; Hurley, 18.

RANKIN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Rankin County association held its 57th annual session at East Side Church, with approximately 300 messengers present.

Thirty of the thirty-two churches reported 217 baptisms and a total present membership of 6,000. More than \$15,000 was given to all mission causes. The combined property value of the churches exceeds \$300,000. Three new church buildings and one new pastor's home were completed during the year.

The Rev. Charles L. Phipps, pastor of the Richland Church, Plain, was elected Moderator; the Rev. Montle Davis, pastor of the Brandon Church, vice-moderator, and the Rev. L. C. Hoff, pastor of the Steen's Creek Church, Florence, was re-elected clerk-treasurer.

The Association voted to continue its associational Missionary program and to retain the Rev. L. W. Stanger, Brandon, as the Missionary.

A resolution was approved by a unanimous vote to deplore the operation of the Mississippi State Fair on Sunday.

State workers appearing on the program were: Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the Baptist Record; Mrs. W. G. Mize, associate Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage; Mr. J. T. Grant-ham, associate superintendent of the Baptist Hospital, and Auber J. Wilds, state training union secretary, all of Jackson.

Record readers in Rankin County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 46; Barefoot, 21; Bethel, 21; Brandon, 85; Briar Hill, 51; Cato, 41; Clear Branch, 49; Concord, 36; County Line, 40; East Side, 46; Fannin, 17; Gallie, 2; Hickory Ridge, 35; Johns, 30; Leesburg, 68; Liberty, 21; Cross Roads, 44; Mountain Creek, 25; Mt. Pisgah, 42;

Oakdale, 54; Paul Truitt Memorial, 65; Pearl City, 41; Pearson, 22; Pelahatchie, 77; Puckett, 43; Rehobeth, 28; Richland, 98; Rock Bluff, 25; Rock Hill, 16; Star, 48; Steens Creek, 172; Union, 30.

NOXUBEE COUNTY ASSOCIATION

The Noxubee County Association held its annual sessions with First Baptist Church, Macon, on Wednesday evening, October 19. The Full-day Session was held with Elim Church (Mashulaville) on Thursday. Every church reported contributions through the Cooperative Program for the year. Most of the churches gave the best reports ever made to the Association.

The Association adopted an associational mission program, beginning work with the Choctaw Indians in the county. Plans were also begun for the Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade for the spring of 1951.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. R. D. Pearson; Vice-Moderator, Frank Hurst, and Clerk-Treasurer, Rev. W. T. Douglas.

Rev. W. T. Douglas is the State Mission Board member, and Rev. Joe Abrams of Shuqulak is the alternate.

Baptist Record readers in Noxubee County are now listed as follows: Brooksville, 5; Concord, 28; Deercreek, 13; Gholson, 19; Macon, 136; Elim (Mashulaville), 44; Shuqulak, 85; Vernon, 7.

COPIAH COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Approximately 350 members of the Copiah county churches met on October 20 at New Zion Church for the annual meeting of the association. Rev. M. P. Jones, moderator, presided.

Rev. M. D. Morton, pastor of the Crystal Springs Baptist church, and Rev. Ivan Lowrey, pastor of the Pine Bluff Baptist church, preached Associational sermons. Dr. Howard Spell, Dean of Mississippi College, spoke on Christian Education; W. G. Mize, Superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage in Jackson, spoke on the work of the orphanage, and Rev. Charles Phipps presented the Baptist Record report.

Reports on the progress of committees on Benevolence, Christian Education, Social Responsibilities, Home Training, Missions, and the Cooperative Program was made. Twenty-eight out of twenty-nine Baptist Churches in Copiah County made reports on Sunday School, Training Union and Missionary activities.

The following officers were elected to serve during the coming year: Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor of the Hazlehurst Church, Moderator; Cecil Landrum of Hazlehurst, Vice Moderator; Rev. W. C. Drummond, pastor of the Wesson Church, Clerk, and W. L. McLemore of Hazlehurst, treasurer.

Record readers in Copiah County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 18; Bethel, 70; Carpenter, 3; County Line, 83; Crystal Springs, 395; Damascus, 43; Gallie, 26; Gallman, 28; Gatesville, 1; Georgetown, 69; Harmony, 62; Hazlehurst, 189; Hopewell, 46; Mission Hill, 1; New Providence, 21; New Zion, 58; Pearl Valley, 29; Pilgrims Rest, 19; Pine Bluff, 1; Pleasant Hill, 36; Poplar Springs, 27; Rockport, 8; Sardis, 33; Shady Grove, 50; Smyrna, 27; Spring Hill, 55; Strong Hope, 53; Sylvarena, 42; Wesson, 75; Zion Hill, 45.



(Photo by FRANK ARMSTRONG)
Shown above are the 13 Mississippi College students who have been selected by the faculty to be included in "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities."

They are, front row, left to right: Dorothy Dell Fail, Bay Springs; Frances Ione Cheatham, Yazoo City; Dorothy Jean Dorris, Portland, Tenn.; Betty Hean Robinson, Pascagoula; Gwendolyn Compere, Florence. Second row: Charles M. Gentry, Baldwin; Jim Pat Spell, Columbia; Charles C. Tyler, Picayune; Glen H. Merrill, Meridian; Benny J. Moore, McComb; Walter C. Ferrell, Greenville; James P. Fancher, Louisville; Robert G. S. Girling, Holmesville.

Students are selected for this honor by the vote of the faculty and the selection is based on Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, and promise of future usefulness.

"ELIZABETH THE QUEEN" IS BLUE MTN. PLAY Premier Showing Nov. 11

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., Nov. 8.—Maxwell Anderson's "Elizabeth the Queen" is the feature play this year of the speech arts department of Blue Mountain College, which is the love story of Queen Elizabeth of England and Lord Essex. The premier showing will be given at the college Nov. 11, after which an interstate tour will be made by the members of the cast. The play will be presented Nov. 14 at Springfield, Tenn.; Nov. 15, Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; Nov. 16, high school, Clarksdale; Nov. 17, high school, Leland; and Nov. 18, Wood Junior College, Mathiston.

The cast follows: Palace guard, Jane Griffin, West Memphis, Ark.; Sir Walter Raleigh, Hilda Lackey, Calhoun City; Penelope Gray, Betty Sue Dixon, Memphis, Tenn.; Captain Armin, Beverly Ann Guyton, Blue Mountain; Sir Robert Cecil, Cynthia Porter, Townville, S. C.; Lord Essex, Miriam Preston, Nashville, Tenn.; Men-at-Arms, Jeanette Farr, Hickory Flat, and Wilma Norman, New Albany; Francis Bacon, Anne Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala.; Queen Elizabeth, Sylvia Burr, Springfield, Tenn.; Lord Burghley, Juanita Barkley, State Line; Lord Howard, Wilma Norman, New Albany; Lord Monutjoy, Jeanette Farr, Hickory Flat; The Fool, Joyce Keeler, Leesburg, Fla.; Mary, Marian Mayes, Blytheville, Ark.; Ellen, Evelyn Cruse, New Albany; Tressa, Erin Stuart, Greenwood; Courier, Martha Ann Cooper, Handsboro; Herald, Grace Schwenker, Kirkwood, Mo.; Burbage, Vonnelle Haire, Vardaman; Hemmings, Doris Davis, Tupelo; Poins, Grace Schwenker, Kirkwood, Mo.; Page, Elise Tapp, Blue Mountain; Marvel, Esther Thornhill, Wetumpka, Ala.

Rankin Baptists Deplore Fair's Sunday Operation

Inasmuch as the Bible admonishes all men to "remember the Sabbath and keep it holy," and

Inasmuch as we believe that worldly amusements are not conducive to keeping the Sabbath holy, and

Inasmuch as the Mississippi Agriculture and Industrial Fair, including a large portion of the midway, remained open on Sunday, October 16, 1949,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Rankin County Baptist Association go on record as deploring

A. T. GLAZE
WHEREAS, On August 24, 1949, our Heavenly Father saw fit to call from our church and community to eternal rest, our beloved brother, A. T. Glaze, who has been a faithful member of Goodwater Church, Smith County, for more than 51 years, a deacon since 1932, church clerk from 1902 to 1948, and teacher of the Bible class of our Sunday School for approximately 49 years, and

WHEREAS, We feel that in the passing of Brother Glaze, the church has lost one of its most faithful, useful and devout members; that our Sunday School has suffered a loss that seems irreparable, and the county and community a citizen of whom they could feel justly proud.

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved, that the Church, by these resolutions, give expression to its great loss and extend to the members of his bereft family its sincerest sympathy in the dark hour through which they are passing, pointing them away from earth's sorrows and heartaches to the beautiful City of our God, whose gates swing outward never, and where partings will never more be known.

Resolved further that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family of the deceased and a copy preserved among the records of the church.

S. E. SUMRALL,
Moderator

Pause a moment for prayer each day at 12. Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST NEWS OFFICE is now located at 211 W. Capitol, Jackson. The editor, Henry Bucklew, invites friends to call by at the new location on the ground floor.

the operation of the Mississippi Agriculture and Industrial Fair, including day, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request the Mississippi Baptist Convention to take a stand against the operation of the Mississippi Agriculture and Industrial Fair on Sunday, and use its influence to prevent such further operation, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to the Baptist Record, the Brandon News, The Clarion Ledger, and the Jackson Daily News for publication.

Rankin County Baptist Association
CHARLES L. PHIPPS,
Moderator

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Auber J. Wilds, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 100, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson

IT'S NEXT MONDAY when you will meet old friends and make some new ones when you attend the Planning meeting for Associational Officers. Be here—First Church Jackson—by ten o'clock if possible and start the day with us. Three Southwide workers and our entire State staff of six will be on hand to greet you. You will be out by 4:15.

South McComb Adds New Union

Thanks to Miss Naomi Carlisle for the report on a newly organized adult union in the South McComb church. This is a union for young married couples and they start with good interest and a good prospect list. We will watch, with interest, the progress of this union, and congratulations to all concerned.

IN SEPTEMBER we issued 1,273 Study Course Awards. Thinking of awards—here is a letter in part we received a few days ago: "In checking through our office files the other day I found filled out blanks for a Training Union Study Course. We are SO sorry we overlooked sending these in. Please RUSH the awards to us for it has been MONTHS since we had this course." Could such a letter have been from you? Suppose you check through your files and see if you have forgotten to send a request in!

Hurley, Jackson Co., Organizes

Here is a new church and they did not wait long before setting up a service of training. Hurley is in Jackson Co. where Rev. Wallace Harrell is Associational Missionary. He led in getting the church organized, a house built, and did not count the church fully organized 'til they set up a Training Union. Immediately he taught them a study course in methods so they'd know what to do about it, and they are doing it! Only two churches in Jackson Co. without a union now and they won't stay that way long if Harrell can help it!

Surely no union has waited this long, but if you have please do not wait any longer to set up your calendar of work for 1950. Why not make January Bible Reading Crusade Month? Make it community wide, not just the members of your union or church, but COMMUNITY. Everybody should read the Bible every day, and surely every member of the union can enlist one or two people who are not in the union to read with us. We will be glad to send the Bible Reading Guides upon request. They give the references for each day during the quarter.

A Valentine party for February; a study course for March; Youth Week in April; Christian Home week in May; District Convention in June; Conduct a Vacation Bible School in some nearby church, perhaps a negro church, in July; Organize and teach a study course in some near by church in August; Enlargement Campaign in September; Visitation Program in October; An All Officers Banquet in November; State Training Union Convention in December; Seeking the lost the year round. These are suggestions for your calendar.

15th Ave. Meridian Grades Adult Union

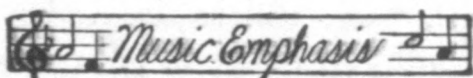
It may be hard to do but Fifteenth Ave. Meridian did it! Yes, they graded their Adult union. Now they have four unions and while it may not be "strictly" by ages it is in that direction. Miss Evelyn Crooke, Educational Secretary says they look forward to "real growth" in both numbers and efficiency in their training union.

First Gulfport Plays "Buddy" to Lyman

The Lyman church asked the First Gulfport church to "come up and help us" and they were glad to answer this call on October 9. That is the way many of our unions have been started, one church plays the part of "Buddy" to another church. Miss Julia M. Wilson, reporting, says they had 176 in Training Union first Sunday in Oct. We express congratulations and best wishes.

Pontotoc Reports Six New Trainings in 1949

Mr. Jesse Akers, Associational Training Union Director for Pontotoc Co. reports six new Training Unions in the association this year—Bethel, Brooks Turner, Director; Thaxton, Oakley Hooker, Director; Liberty, W. V. Morgan, Director; Friendship, Jewel Windham, Director; Furr, Mrs. J. D. Williamson, Director; Cairo, Boyd Cornelius, Director. Great work Jesse!



MEN IN THE CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAM

People like to hear male quartets, and a male chorus is a special attraction in a church service. A good mixed choir is in need of men to make it good. The fact is that a church choir cannot be better than the bass and tenor sections.

Promote your male quartets. Special emphasis is being placed upon the men's quartet chorus work during the fall months, and the State Music Section of Training is cooperating with the Brotherhood Convention in promoting a great mass chorus and quartet contest in connection with the State Brotherhood Convention on November 14.

Promote a male chorus. Many of our churches have discovered the value of a fine, male chorus. The men like to sing. Men's voices are pleasing to the ear. Men add strength to a service. Men sing for the glory of God. The steps in promoting a male chorus are simple. Start with a quartet, then enlarge to a double quartet, and then your male chorus is on the way. Of course, a consciousness of the value and importance of such an organization must be placed before the men of the church. The men must be made to feel that they are needed.

Enlist the Men in the mixed choir. All church choirs need more men. The reason that men do not feel that they are needed in the adult choir on Sunday morning is that they have not been enlisted. All church choirs must be promoted if it is to thrive and be an effective musical unit in presenting special music for the services. Enlist the men, and the interest in the choir will grow.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Box 530 — Phone 2-1600 — Jackson
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary BETTY PRESSON, Office Secretary

Dr. John R. Sampey, long-time professor and President of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., once said: "Inform, convince, and win the students and the next generations will have competent religious leaders." Is the BSU worthwhile and does it deserve the active support of our pastors and people? Reread what Dr. Sampey said, if you do not think so. . . . We are very thankful to God for our recent convention at Mississippi College. The prayers of thousands, we believe, caused it to be the spiritual success that it was. Paid registrations totaled 683; 62 made definite decisions for Christ. To Jesus Christ goes all the praise and glory for the good that was done. . . . "We have never failed to observe Student Night since I have been pastor of this church," writes Dr. Glen Eric Wiley, of First Church, Grenada. Christmas night is the time suggested for this important program. . . . At Delta State, 120 attended a recent party, and at Pearl River Jr. 67. Fifty unsaved reported at the former; 51 at the latter. . . . Three-fourths of the Baptists at Perkinson Jr. are in the dormitories or

apartments on the campus. Unsaved reported, 27, with two recent professions of faith. . . . Approximately 1500 Baptists are at Mississippi State. . . . Seventy-four from MSCW joined First Church, Columbus, one Sunday. . . . In recent days, before our Convention, we were blessed in attending two of our District Associations, Hinds and Madison, for brief periods. . . . One of our 1949-50 objectives is the "organization of 10 new BSU's." Is there a white or colored college near you which needs a BSU? . . . In approximately 800 Vacation Bible Schools held in Mississippi this summer, college students reported on the faculties total 695, according to reports in the State Sunday School Department. There were 1143 professions of faith. This VBS work is great work. . . . Four of our Jackson pastors recently gathered in our office to discuss what more can and should be done for the college students of Jackson. Pray with us that God will reveal to our Jackson pastors what He wants them and their churches to do along this line, and how what He wants them to do can be done.

A STUDY COURSE FOR OFFICERS and teachers of the Sunday School of the First church, Lumberton, was held recently. The Adult department was taught by M. A. Eubanks, the Intermediate department by the Rev. J. W. Wood, the Junior department by Mrs. Jack Jones, and the Primary department by Mrs. Byrus Hurt.

Lumberton W.M.S. Meets

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First church of Lumberton entertained elderly ladies of the community at a most delightful meeting of the church Monday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Wood, pastor of the church, led in a period of devotion and directed the singing of a number of hymns which have come down through generations.

Delicious refreshments were served to forty ladies. Small pot plants were given to guests.

—BR— In Memory Of B. G. ROSS

Born Nov. 31, 1874—Died June 23, 1949
Written to the family by a good friend who is a Methodist minister.

Ridgeland, Miss.
June 30, 1949
Mrs. Ben Ross, Mrs. Janie Hasty,
L. D. Ross, Mrs. Stella Donaghe;
DeKalb, Mississippi
Dear Janie:

Just heard a day or so ago that Ben had passed away. I do not know what it means to lose a companion, but I do know one that knows and cares. He said he would be "a husband to the widow and a father to the Fatherless." I know the latter for I have experienced that part, and you children at times would give anything to have your Father's Counsel, yet you can go to your Heavenly Father, and He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

I always had a very high regard for Ben Ross and regarded him as a Southern Christian gentleman.

You children have a wonderful heritage. I know both your grandfathers and can testify to the influence that Mr. Troop Cole has left on many a man as he talked to us boys around the post office, and in Sunday School. May a double portion of your father's spirit fall upon you children.

Let's be true a little while longer "till he says, 'It is enough; come up higher.'"

May the Lord sustain and keep you by his grace is our prayer. Tatia, my wife, joins me.

Sincerely,
ALGIE S. OLIVER,
Pastor of Ridgeland
Methodist Church

40 & 25 YEARS AGO

By REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.
40 YEARS AGO

Rev. T. O. Hendon assisted Pastor W. W. Muirhead at Centerville Baptist Church, during which there were four accessions.

Rev. T. J. Miley assisted Pastor J. E. Chapman at Liberty and Pleasant Hill churches, resulting in twelve and three for baptism respectively.

Rev. A. L. O'Brian resigns the pastorate of the Steen's Creek Church, Florence, to move to Magee, and will divide his time equally between the Magee and Braxton churches.

Pastor L. P. Arender, student at Mississippi College, held a gracious meeting with his Oak Grove Church, Smith County. The church received 21 for baptism.

25 YEARS AGO

The Beulah Church had an ingathering of 15 for baptism and eight by letter during their revival meeting in which Pastor D. W. Smith was assisted by Rev. J. W. Gray as preacher and Atley J. Cooper as singer.

The Elliott Church enjoyed a "real revival" in which Pastor John Broadus did the preaching, assisted by Singer O. U. Rushing of Clinton. Eight for baptism and three by letter.

The Amory Church, W. Rufus Beckett as pastor, reaped a harvest of souls from a revival meeting in which Evangelist T. O. Reese preached and Singer Charles O. Miller led the singing. Forty-four were added to the church.

Pastor J. P. Williams tells of the meeting at Providence Church, Forest County, in which 77 were received for baptism, Rev. S. V. Gullett doing the preaching. And also at Hebron Church, Lawrence County, where Rev. C. E. Welch of Canton assisted, resulting in seven for baptism and three by letter.



MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES WRITE



MANY OF OUR MISSISSIPPI MISSIONARIES HAVE WRITTEN CONCERNING "HOW THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING WILL HELP THE FIELD IN WHICH I SERVE." WE PLAN TO HAVE THESE LETTERS ON THIS PAGE IN EACH NOVEMBER ISSUE OF THE

BAPTIST RECORD, PAYING FOR THE EXTRA SPACE BEYOND OUR REGULAR SPACE.

THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE COMMISSION CARRIES THE CORRECT MAILING ADDRESS OF ALL MISSIONARIES.

CHILE

By Georgia Mae Ogburn
(Continued From Last Week)

You would have to travel much to see every place that your offering reaches through the Mrs. W. J. Cox Fund, in the Lottie Moon Offering, which is used for the carrying on of W. M. U. work on the Mission Field. A large part of it is used in the publication of literature for use by the women in their work, especially their programs. Some is used for travelling expenses of the President of the National Convention of the W. M. U. and for the Presidents of the different Districts, as also for the carrying on of Study Courses in the different districts, one of which we have just finished in the Antofagasta District, with an attendance of 45 women and 25 young ladies. Another part is used in helping to conduct children's camps in the summer, although the fee charged for board covers most of the expenses, nevertheless there are expenses in connection with the teachers and sponsors which this offering helps. From this fund also the women have dedicated a certain amount for music scholarships, which stress hymn playing. And so on and on we could go, following up those funds from one place and one field of service to another, but we must go on to other work.

It would be difficult to follow each book, pamphlet, tract and other material made possible by the funds for printing and literature, so we just sit in the office of the director of publications and watch it as it goes blessing many lives, and making known the Word of God to many thousands in their own tongue.

Now, let us board the train and go South to Temuco to visit our Baptist School, Colegio Bautista, which has been serving Christian Education in Chile for twenty-six years. As we enter the dining room, you are at once aware of the crowded conditions under which these students must live and eat, but wait, let us go on into the chapel. Why are so many of the older students standing around the walls? Oh, that is because they do not have adequate space for a chapel, since the service is required for every student and it takes a lot of space to get 450 students into one room. Oh, but those are not all four hundred, only the high school students, for the Primary pupils have to have their chapel separate. Many of these boys and girls are from Baptist homes, which are humble, so much help is given them, and also we must keep the board and tuition at a moderate cost so as not to sacrifice any of the activities necessary to maintain a progressive evangelistic program. Yes, those are the things for which those funds for the school are being requested.

If we follow the missionaries around for a while, we shall see some trying to find adequate homes in which to live and others trying desperately to rent a small room, or several rooms for a mission point, but many times if the people discover it is for evangelistic services, being Catholic, they refuse to rent for that

purpose. So, the simplest thing to do is just buy and use the property as one pleases and as God pleases.

Well, so long, hope you have enjoyed your trip. Don't forget about all the things you've seen as you continue the journey through other lands.

WHAT THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING WILL MEAN ON THIS FIELD

By John A. Parker

Of the five items listed for Chile on the list you enclosed, only one is for this field; and that is the property for the Curico church building for which we asked \$1,000 as can be seen in the list:

I shall tell you first how the \$1,000 will help us in the work here and then mention how the other gifts will help us indirectly.

Curico is a town of about 20,000 inhabitants 45 miles north of here. One of the things we prayed for especially last year was that we would be able to open work in Curico. The year passed and all that we had done was to make a visit up there where we have one faithful member. We held a service in the small house on the edge of the town where Brother Pacheco has a room rented. The bad testimony of the others who live in the house kept us from encouraging the opening of a work there; so we have been waiting. We felt that the wisest thing to do would be to try to get funds with which to secure a lot in a better location with enough building on it with which to begin a work in that city.

The \$1,000 will be a blessing to the Talca church. It will mean more work for this church and a greater missionary spirit. Last month we opened a mission point in Linares, a city of about 15,000 inhabitants 35 miles south of here. We chartered a bus to go for the inauguration exercise. We now have one of our members in charge of the mission. He goes once a week with one or two others or sends at least two. Those who went for the inauguration and those who go weekly come back overjoyed, because they feel they are doing something for the Lord. We feel that the same will happen when we open the work in Curico.

Then, there is the effect of the gospel on the whole of the life of the people. When we go into a city to work, it means that souls will be saved which would otherwise be lost. Of the 20,000 inhabitants, it is doubtful whether more than one thousand go to any church on Sundays, and that includes the Catholic church. When we go to a city with the gospel, it means that those who are ignorant of better ways of living will be taught new and better ways. The teaching ministry of the church raises the spiritual and material level of the people. When the gospel goes to a city, the sick are better cared for. This afternoon Mrs. Parker and I went to see the daughter of a member of the Talca church who is getting well of typhoid fever. As we entered she said, "Now I will not die." when we knew of her grave condi-

tion, we ordered a special new medicine they have in the United States by air mail, and upon taking it, she immediately began to recover. Not only does she have hope of life, but her brother who has been antagonistic to the gospel, now declares himself a Baptist. We feel that such work as this will be carried on in the city of Curico because of the offering you will give.

Before closing let me make one observation. As great a help as money is, it cannot work alone. It needs Christian personality to go with it. So we hope that, with the consecration of your offerings to the Lord, you will also consecrate your lives and give freely of your sons and daughters in this world mission task, for the workers are still few and the harvest is still great.

COLOMBIA

Medical Clinic, Baranquilla, ----- \$10,000.00
Seminary Buildings, Cali --- 3,000.00
Baptist Book Store ----- 2,000.00
Primary Schools (4 centers, operating expense) ----- 5,000.00
TOTAL FOR COLOMBIA, \$20,000.00

THE LOTTIE MOON OFFERING SERVES COLOMBIA

By Gerald Riddell

Lottie Moon Offering time—My, how it warms the hearts of those on the field! How we praise God for the wonderful generosity that has made possible the fulfillment of so many dreams on the Mission Fields, yet so many times the needs are so great it is impossible to meet them all. One year, the Colombian Mission needed more than half the total goal for that year! We need so many things—a church building in Cali where we already have land bought, another in Caracas, Venezuela, where the church has become self supporting after only three years of life, land in Bogota where we so urgently need a building, and so on we could go. These will come, we have faith that they will. Help us to be patient, and prayerful as we wait; how we hope it won't be long!

Every penny of your sacrificial offerings is put to work to improve the spiritual and physical condition of the people with whom we work. Fifty five percent of those who died in Colombia this year died without medical attention of any kind. Diseases not even considered in your life are rampant here; typhoid, Yellow Fever, smallpox, intestinal parasites, just to mention a few. Quarantine, and isolation of contagious cases are unknown, and immunization is just beginning here. We have a Doctor—Dr. R. C. McGlammery of Newton, Mississippi, and Praise God, he now, after six months of tedious work, and a fifteen hour medical exam (in Spanish), has equal recognition along with all other doctors here. He can, will, and wants to work with sick bodies here. He is doing so already, but so severely handicapped by lack of proper equipment. God gave him his license to practice, everyone said that could not be done, but it was. Let's not let him down not—Let's give

him a good clinic, with laboratory, X-ray, and surgical equipment, that he may heal bodies as the Master did that he may heal lives through the ministering Grace of our Saviour.

Perhaps our greatest need today is a trained native leadership for our churches. This cannot be bought, it must start with the young and be raised up. Education in general in Colombia is in the hands of the Catholic Clergy, and compulsory mass attendance, confession, communion, and doctrinal studies are rigidly enforced. Thus, if we are to have a trained leadership, we must train it ourselves. We have done relatively little in this important field recently, but we must do more now. Two phases of this training are in our goal for this year—Primary education, and our Seminary, yet to be established. Many little fellows get their first taste of learning in the primary schools conducted in connection with our churches. Without these we could never reach the children for reasons already expressed. About fifty per cent of the Colombian People can read and write, but higher education is open to very few. We have a beautiful spot to build the Seminary—but it mocks us continually with its vacant expanse. Our native preachers must be sent away to school, or worse, attend a seminary belonging to some other group, where Baptist doctrine is neglected, or scorned. Help us train these young men—they are the future of our Colombian Baptist Churches.

The people are hungry for knowledge. Nearly every day someone asks for a book, or other literature that will teach them more about our teachings than they can get from one service or a radio program, yet in all the country there exists only three small interdenominational book stores. Bogota with a half million people has nothing. For that reason we have prayerfully requested a small capital for our Baptist Book Store. In the U. S. we say that information is the vehicle on which Baptists grow and go forward. Help us inform our Colombian Baptists too.

Give, not only for our needs, but for those of the whole world. All have needs as impressive as ours. Give that the Grace of God may be known wherever man may dwell, and that Christ's blood may cleanse and uplift lives suffering from ignorance, disease, and superstition.

(Continued Next Week)

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Pause a moment for prayer each day at 12. Mississippi Baptist Radio Hour.

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Dear Christian Friends:

It is with grateful hearts that we approach the season of Thanksgiving. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Praise His holy name! Many people bear sorrow and trouble silently, keeping grief within themselves, but when it comes to bearing joy there must be sharing. One cannot really express his or her happiness without telling another about it. One's joy, when shared, becomes multi-plied.

You feel that you must share your blessing with others, then remember those less fortunate than you. Thanksgiving is Orphanage time. Give it first place in your calendar of interest.

The Orphanage has a program for the future. More buildings are to be constructed, more opportunities for development are to be offered. This necessarily calls for the expenditure of money. We look to you for that.

Clothing, canned goods, and needed supplies have their places, to be sure, but your money gift speaks loudly of your interest and love for the dependent child. Share your joy by bringing peace and security to children who find the home they need, the training they require, the love they want, in your Mississippi Baptist Orphanage. It is a child in the midst of grown-ups, where all activity centers around the children themselves. Jesus set a child in the midst of others. "Do unto others."

With deep appreciation for past favors. We solicit your support at this time, as we make plans for the future.

Gratefully yours,

S/ W. G. MIZE

It is more blessed to give than to receive. ACTS 20:35
A SMALL SUM WILL HELP MORE IN THE EARLY YEARS OF A CHILD'S LIFE THAN
A FORTUNE THAT COMES TO HIM IN OLD AGE.

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE LOOKS TO
(Continued From Page Two)

ilities. The lowly log in the Garfield story has been greatly enhanced and embellished. Five new, fireproof structures have been erected and three frame buildings have been added to the Mississippi College campus; and 75 apartments for faculty and students use have been provided on other property of the college. Other buildings still structurally sound have been renovated and redecorated and much new equipment has been secured. We have not written finis to the improving and enlarging of the physical plant. But for the next few years the major attention must be given to increasing the endowment into the millions. This is necessary in

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING
UNION ATTENDANCE

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|-----------------------------|-------|-----|
| Jackson, First | 1,352 | 439 |
| Jackson, Elaine | 119 | 89 |
| Jackson Northside | 597 | 205 |
| Jackson Daniel Mem. | 312 | 147 |
| Jackson, Van Winkle | 397 | 223 |
| Jackson, Southside | 227 | 109 |
| East Side (Rankin County) | 94 | 70 |
| Byram (Hinds County) | 99 | 86 |
| Hattiesburg, Main St. | 1,135 | 309 |
| Laurel, First | 677 | 221 |
| Chester (Choctaw County) | 82 | |
| Bruce | 223 | 77 |
| Long Creek | | |
| (Lauderdale County) | 67 | 57 |
| Sileam (Simpson County) | 57 | 77 |
| Brooklyn | 84 | 48 |
| Union (Alcorn County) | 34 | 61 |
| Columbus, First | 983 | 312 |
| Lucedale | 279 | 92 |
| Centreville | 146 | 60 |
| Oral (Lamar County) | 150 | 117 |
| Evergreen (Winston County) | 73 | 85 |
| Marion (Lauderdale County) | 118 | 98 |
| East Fork (Amite County) | 95 | 47 |
| Crystal Springs | 626 | 192 |
| Ruth | 95 | 123 |
| West Laurel | 420 | 134 |
| Bogue Chitto (Pike County) | 74 | 89 |
| Bethlehem (Jones County) | 101 | 100 |
| McComb, First | 553 | 120 |
| Laurel, Second Ave. | 458 | 162 |
| Providence (Forrest County) | 208 | 160 |
| East Moss Point | 191 | 101 |
| County Line (Copiah County) | 122 | 80 |
| Mt. Zion (Lincoln County) | 96 | 40 |
| Rocky Creek | | |
| (George County) | 201 | 153 |
| Jackson, Parkway | 815 | 284 |
| Parkway Chapel | 89 | 59 |
| Ludlow | 124 | 60 |
| Friendship | | |
| (Lincoln County) | 119 | 103 |
| New Prospect | | |
| (Lincoln County) | 168 | 130 |
| Pascagoula, First | 569 | 208 |
| Eastlawn Mission | 67 | 36 |
| Chapel No. 2 | 19 | |
| Bay Springs | | |
| (Including Mission) | 174 | 73 |
| Big Creek | 82 | 57 |
| Rawls Springs | | |
| (Lebanon Association) | 158 | 140 |
| Shady Grove | | |
| (George County) | 120 | 143 |
| Houlka (Chickasaw County) | 90 | 36 |
| Darling | 75 | 33 |
| Kosciusko, First | 567 | 204 |
| Delay | 40 | 40 |
| West Point, First | 575 | 201 |
| West Corinth | 215 | 103 |
| Eudora | 96 | 41 |
| Friendship (Pike County) | 159 | 82 |
| Wallerville | 70 | 60 |
| Glenfield (Union County) | 50 | 32 |
| Tupelo, Harrisburg | 411 | 173 |
| Leesburg | 131 | 171 |
| Corinth, Tate Street | 333 | 121 |
| Paul Truitt Memorial | 153 | 109 |
| October 30, 1949 | | |
| Ruth | 85 | 119 |
| Harmony (Tippah County) | 65 | |
| Yazoo City, First | 348 | 71 |
| Hebron (Jones County) | 103 | 99 |
| Shady Grove | | |
| (George County) | 144 | 113 |

order to keep the per capita cost to the student well within the competitive range; to insure the securing and holding of an adequate and competent faculty by being able to pay comparable salaries; to meet and master all the generally accepted education standards as applied to a college of liberal arts; and in the foreseeable future to introduce graduate and professional studies into the curriculum to satisfy the already insistent demands of our graduating students for such studies. Were we presently prepared* for such a movement, we are confident that we could have a hundred graduate students on the campus next session. The present owners of Mississippi College are well able to cross over into this land of promise, for there are no real giants in the way, nor are there any very formidable external obstacles.

"For Mississippi College to continue in the field of education and prosper, it must, first of all, offer superior advantages in the arts and sciences, laying broad and deep the foundation for character building, and useful, creative and cultural living.

"Secondly, it must be recognized also that life has a practical side. To this end graduate and professional training should be instituted at Mississippi College at the earliest date possible. The demand is already here. With an endowment of three million dollars and buildings and equipment and teachers for graduate study in the major departments, and engineering work in the most popular branches, with schools of commerce, education and music, extending into the graduate level, we would be well on our way toward achieving our high-est destiny.

Expect \$1,000,000 Endowment
By Jan. 1

"By the end of the year we will doubtless have \$1,000,000 in endowment leaving \$2,000,000 to be raised. This can be raised readily and easily by 2,000 individuals, families, churches or other organizations giving a thousand dollars each as a minimum as a personalized endowment bearing the name or names of the giver, or set up as a memorial to some departed loved one. The entire amount need not be paid at once but could be extended over a period of several months. For our college to offer graduate and professional studies would insure our young people the right sort of teachers and a Christian environment for the entire period of their formal education. It would also eliminate the possibility of a divided loyalty which in many cases cools the ardor and devotion for alma mater. Furthermore, it is high time for Christian institutions of higher learning to enter the field of research and investigation. One of the greatest needs of the day is textbooks written from the Christian viewpoint.

"Thirdly, it cannot be too strongly stated and too often emphasized that in order for Mississippi College to successfully compete with all other types of institutions and hold its honored place in the educational procession, there must be no uncertain sound in the message which it trumpets to the world. Whether in undergraduate or graduate work, spiritual values must have the preeminence, and Christian culture must remain the ultimate objective.

"To attain these worthy objectives for our college will require more than day dreaming and wishful thinking; more than loud professions and much

hurrahing. It will also require action, much action; professed loyalty and zeal for Christian education are not enough unless they are transmuted into building and equipment and endowment. Overflowing emotions for this great Kingdom work will avail little unless at the same time purses are opened and streams of benevolence channeled toward its necessities. Mississippi Baptists and the friends of Mississippi College are well able to build now a great Christian University at strategic Clinton, on the campus of our Mississippi College, which would be the pride and glory of this whole Southern section and the despair of raucous secularism and rampant materialism.

Resources Abundant

"There are abundant resources within our own family and among our own constituency to meet every demand, and to satisfy every need. There are former students, thousands of them, some with vast holdings, all living beyond life's necessities whose debt to their college is larger than a lifetime of generous giving could completely satisfy.

"There is still another and larger group that has an abiding interest in the prosperity of Mississippi College. For as Mississippi College enlarges and prospers, the work of the sponsoring denomination is enhanced

and promoted. No group interested in a common cause, religious or otherwise, can expect to make progress and gain favor without a leadership trained in its own camps and under its own auspices. There doubtless would be a different story to tell had the Presbyterians remained in possession of Mississippi College until now and Mississippi Baptists had chosen to operate without a college. Instead of there being today 350,000 Mississippi Baptists and 20,000 Mississippi Presbyterians, the reverse might prevail. Our Baptist forefathers were evidently under the leadership of the Spirit in their educational venture a century ago.

"Our Baptist people have a message which a waiting world needs. A prepared and trained leadership is essential to the presentation of that message.

"Mississippi College with a century of glorious service in Kingdom building and with every indication of many more such centuries ranks AAA* as such an investment opportunity."

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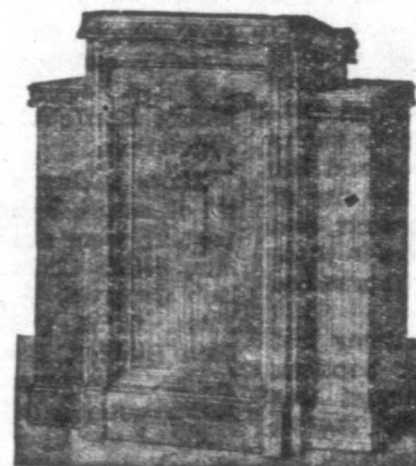
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DR. S. R. WOODSON



REV. J. H. STREET

Shown above are (left) Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbus, who is to speak on the Baptist Brotherhood Convention program, Monday afternoon, November 14, on the subject, "Our Brotherhood Is Twenty Years Old"; and, immediately following Dr. Woodson, Rev. J. H. Street (right), pastor, Second Avenue Baptist Church, Laurel, is to speak on the subject, "Our State Had Fifty-Three Brotherhoods."

New Brotherhoods Reported to Southwide Office for October

We reported the following new Brotherhoods to the Southwide office for October: **Hardy, Grenada Association**, Rev. R. B. Smith, pastor, and N. N. Wright, president; **Pleasant Hill, Union Church, Copiah Association**, Rev. M. C. Nelson, pastor, A. J. Short, Jr., president, and Harvey Short, secretary-treasurer; **Southside, Columbus, Lowndes Association**, Rev. Turner Davis, Jr., pastor, and W. W. Nolen, president; **Union Church, Union Association**, Rev. M. C. Nelson, pastor, R. B. Boren, president, and Bertie Cupit, Jr., secretary-treasurer; **Wellman, Bogue Chitto, Lincoln Association**, Rev. W. L. Thompson, pastor, Edgar Minton, president, and Hollis Roberts, secretary-treasurer.

EAST McCOMB ENLARGES MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dedication Service To Be Held On Thanksgiving

East McComb Church has enlarged its Music Department to include four fully organized choirs and a Men's Chorus. The Youth Choir, the Carol Choir (Junior) and the Angel Choir furnish the music for the evening worship service and the Adult Choir for the morning worship service. Often two of the Young people's choirs perform in the same service and the special music varies with the use of the young trios, quartets, sextets, and ensembles. We have 164 voices in these four choirs and the Men's Chorus has 35 voices.

The church had 80 additions last year, with 42 of them for baptism. The Sunday School enrolment was 902; the Training Union, 375; the W. M. U., 33; and the Brotherhood, 65. Gifts for all causes totaled \$27,393.88 and \$5,337.66 of this was given to Missions.

The Chapel and Baby Building will be dedicated Thanksgiving morning in a special service and the church is now debt free.

Dr. W. A. Sullivan of Natchez recently led in a great church revival. His morning messages were based on the book of Romans. There were three additions to the church.

Rev. E. C. Edwards is the pastor.

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Calvary Ordains Deacons

All Deacons Are Tithers

Calvary church, Waynesboro, ordained three men as deacons on November 1. These were L. E. Holley, Sr., W. E. Ramey, and Guy Walker.

Rev. Jewel Golman, pastor of the Clara church preached the ordination sermon. The pastor, Rev. Virgil Ratcliff questioned the candidates, and Rev. Lester Dennis, pastor of the Mount Zion church led the prayer of ordination.

Those taking a part in the laying on of hands, in addition to the three pastors, were deacons Sam W. Cochran, Willie Cochran, Johnny Coaker, Rob Cochran, V. K. McMillan, E. L. Powe, C. H. Gilbert, H. V. McRae, Sam Stabler, Ben Parker, Hilman Walker, Lawrence Jones, and G. N. Robertson.

All of the nine deacons of Calvary church are tithers. I Timothy 3:11 was read to the wives.

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"Runt" Murphy Is President Of District Seven

L. O. (Runt) Murphy was elected president of District Seven Brotherhood embracing seven south Mississippi counties at their meeting in Poplarville on November 4. Other officers elected were Huber Jordan, Sr., Ellisville, vice president and Rev. J. H. Street, Laurel, Secretary-Treasurer.

Presiding at the session was the Hon. Bruce Aultman, retiring president of Hattiesburg. The meeting was arranged by the State Brotherhood secretary, W. R. Roberts of Jackson.

Nelson Tull, Arkansas Brotherhood leader, was the chief speaker of the convention and delivered a timely and interesting address.

A Reader Writes

Dr. A. L. Goodrich,
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

Please let me say three things through the Record, the best paper in the U. S. A. (Am slipping the fourth thing in with my reference to the Record.)

First, my condition is so improved that the staff of doctors here (Sanitarium) say I can return to my home, Columbus, Miss., 1322 Second Avenue N.

Second, the Sanitarium is a most wonderful place to be when one is as unfortunate as to have T. B. It almost seems like Dr. Henry Boswell, superintendent, is a superman. He has a wonderful staff of doctors and nurses and an almost perfect organization.

And last, during my illness I have come to know many of my preacher brethren better. Many of them have inconvenienced themselves to come by to see me, and numbers of them with heavy pastorates have taken time out to write me, send reading material, etc. Our Mississippi preachers are as fine as can be found.

C. S. THOMAS

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WEST LAUREL PROGRESSES

West Laurel Church reported in their letter to the association, a total of \$22,212 given to all causes during the past year. Of this amount \$5,920 was given to Missions and \$16,292, locally. The budget adopted for the coming year includes \$3,900 for the Cooperative Program and \$600 for Associational Missions, out of an annual budget of \$20,533.

The church has a total membership of 1540. Fifty-three have been added this year, 21 by baptism.

There are 909 enrolled in Sunday School, 246 in Training Union, and 66 in the W. M. S.

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Hernando GA's End 1st Year

Intermediate G. A.'s of the Hernando church observed their first birthday, October 26. They were 100 percent in attendance.

The president, Betsy Emerson, read for devotional, Leviticus 27:30-34, completing their study on tithing for October. Silvia White lead in prayer for a continuation of the work for the coming year. The treasurer, Susie Wilkinson, gave out the tithing boxes and stewardship pledge cards.

The auxiliary gave to the library chairman, Julia Banks, a scrap book to record their achievements. The program chairman presented Mrs. P. F. Herring, Desoto Association. Young People's Leader who was a guest on the program, Mrs. G. W. McLendon, told them about Camp Garaywa.

In keeping with the birthday motif, the girls gathered around the dining table. A lovely birthday cake, lighted with one candle, and decorated in G. A. colors, was the center of the decoration. Mrs. G. A. Cox served ice cream with the cake.

Several Anniversary Clubs Received

Several 15th Anniversary Clubs, some containing more than one unit of 15, in celebration of Editor Goodrich's 15th Anniversary with the Baptist Record have already been received. Several pastors have written that they are working on the matter and they expect to send a nice list within a few days.

November and December are Anniversary months for the Baptist Record. It was fifteen years ago that Editor Goodrich began his work with the Baptist Record as circulation manager and since January 1, 1942 he has served as Editor.

Friends over the state are sending in clubs of 15 subscriptions or multiples thereof to aid in increasing the circulation of the Baptist Record by 1,500 by January 1.

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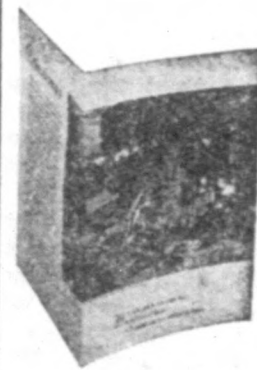
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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL
Nov. 13, THE SUFFERING SERVANT.
Isaiah 42:1-4; 50:4-9; 52:13-53; 12; Jeremiah 38:1-13.

I. A CONTRAST IN METHOD

The Almighty God has dealt in different ways in the cases of different men. Take any great man of history—Alexander, Washington, Napoleon—they came with the drapery of mystery around them, not knowing what the future held in store for them, and meeting in their lives many unforeseen crisis, unexpected turns of circumstances. Washington, for example, was born a British subject, lived and fought under the British flag, not dreaming that he would lead an American army against the British, helped to form a new government and become the president of what was to become the greatest republic in the world. Now, God could have given Washington and his parents and his friends and the whole government of Great Britain a lot of information on the subject of Washington, but He did not, and for reasons of his own.

But when it comes to the case of our Lord Jesus, it pleased God to speak through His prophets more than a half-dozen centuries before the birth of Jesus and tell the people, in bits of prophecy here and there, the whole story of His life, suffering, death, resurrection, God, for reasons of His own, spoke to His prophets and through His prophets the story of the sanctified who came to save.

It might not be presumptuous or irreverent to guess at the purpose of God in this matter and to say that our Lord Jesus was and is a man of stature so great and character so meaningful for us in every way, and that it pleased God to give the promise of His coming to the devout in every age since the prophecy in the Garden of Eden, a prophecy that planted a flower of hope in the sad heart of woman sorrowing for her sin.

II. THE JUDGE WHO ESTABLISHES TRUTH

Isaiah 42:1-4

Elsewhere He is foretold as the Suffering Servant: here He is the one in whom the Lord delights; because He will establish truth among the gentiles and for the gentiles. He will bring strength to the weak and courage to the downhearted. With unspeakable tenderness He will unite a firmness that shall meet the most appalling crises with calmness and sublime trust.

III. TENDER RELATIONSHIP OF GOD AND HIS PEOPLE

Isaiah 50:4-9

God says to His faithless people, "Show Me the bill of your mother's divorcement." As though He said to them, "I married the people of Israel to Myself, and have not cast them off. They are mine, of whom are ye, and I will not let you go." So stands the faithfulness of the God who will never leave nor forsake those whom He has loved with an everlasting love.

IV. THE PRICE GOD PAID FOR OUR REDEMPTION

Isaiah 52:13; 53:11

This passage is the gospel of the Old Testament, the passage because of which Isaiah has been called the evangelist of the Old Testament. This is the holy of holies within whose sacred precincts men should walk with bare feet and bowed heart. It foretells the sufferings of our Lord more graphically than any gospel writer has. "Who hath believed our message? And to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed?" Who is it says this? The spirit of Christ which was in the prophet here speaks through the prophet's lips.

The pre-incarnate Christ, the Spirit-

Deacons Ordained At Concord

Concord Church in Calhoun County ordained three deacons on October 26, with the pastor, Rev. A. H. Childress acting as moderator. Those ordained were: John Leslie Kimbrell, John Wilton Jenkins and William Maxie Bollinger.

Leslie E. Roane served as secretary and gave the charge and Rev. J. B. Middleton delivered the message.

Served Church 166 Years

W. G. Paugh, a member of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, has a 166-year active service record with his church although he is only 77 years old and joined the church at the age of 14.

He has been a member 63 years. For 34 years he served as a deacon, 23 more as trustee; he was treasurer 23 more; 21 as clerk and two as Sunday School Superintendent.

Although he has been a member since 1886, he is still active and this week he turned the first spade of dirt for the construction of a \$12,000 Pastor's Home on a lot he helped purchase 20 years ago.

Funds to construct the seven-room two bath brick veneer home with garage was started June 1 under the direction of Ira Bright, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Collections ended on October 31 with sufficient funds to complete the home. Jack Jones is chairman of the Building Committee, with D. E. Wamble serving as Architect.

The Rev. C. W. Thompson is pastor of the church.

Christ, is a person, God as truly as the Father is, though distinct from Him of Whom and to Whom this Spirit-Christ here speaks. He also by a divine condescension, associates Himself with sinners in general, and with the Jewish people especially. Now let us answer the double question of the first verse, by rephrasing it: Who has believed the report of the prophets, the prophets who before have spoken, by the Holy Spirit, of the coming of this Just One? Who has perceived the greatness and excellence of this work of God's power, when the Word actually was made flesh, and dwelt among us?

"For He grew up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of dry ground; He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him. Here is set forth the lowly and unattractive character of the small though vigorous beginning. "He was despised and a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their face He was despised; and we esteemed Him not." The great men of His people, the Jewish leaders, despised Him and rejected Him.

He entered in sympathy into the griefs and sorrows of the poor and suffering of His day. He spoke often of His joy and the joy that should come to those who follow Him; while He walked among the lonely and the friendless. "He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. Yes! He bore the griefs and sorrows of all, yet, the rulers said as He hanged on the cross, that God had forsaken Him.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to His own way; and Jehovah has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." And all of our iniquity! We can not take all this in; so must we let God take account of it and provide for it? What volumes would this passage require!

MISS. CROP PROGRESSES

JACKSON, Miss.—Preliminary meetings leading to local organizations in 73 counties are being held in Mississippi's Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Major W. E. Holcomb, state director, revealed in a report this week to W. F. Bond, state chairman of CROP, and members of the state executive committee.

"Forty-eight counties have completed or have scheduled local CROP organizations," Holcomb said, "and we have every confidence the remaining counties will complete setting up local organizations prior to a state meeting of field workers and county chairmen to be held the latter part of October."

CROP is progressing according to schedule and growing interest among religious, farm and lay leaders is indicated, Rev. Carl R. Key of Durham, North Carolina, southeastern field representative of CROP, told members of the state executive committee in Jackson this week.

"Progress in setting up county organizations in Mississippi through which the farmer will be given an opportunity to contribute of his produce to the hungry millions in war-torn countries is comparable with that of other southern states," Key said.

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WEST LAUREL CHURCH, REV. H. J.

Rushing, Pastor, has adopted a budget of \$20,533 for the new year which began on October 1. Of this amount the Co-operative Program is to receive \$3,900; associational missions \$600; the Youth Fund \$250; and the radio fund \$1,000.

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Walker Resigns Calhoun City Sabougla Adopts Resolutions

Rev. J. D. Walker has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Calhoun City and accepted the care of First church, Normangee, Texas.

Mr. Walker has been pastor at Calhoun City for seven years and led the church forward in many ways. He also served one term as member of the Convention Board.

In connection with the Calhoun City pastorate, Mr. Walker served the Sabougla church, one of Calhoun County's rural churches.

Soon after the resignation of Mr. Walker, the Sabougla church adopted resolutions commending his work as pastor. The resolutions called attention to his challenging and progressive leadership, gratitude for his leadership in erecting a new church building, his sincerity and effectiveness as a preacher and for his daily Christian living.

The resolutions further, stated "That we extend to Brother and Mrs. Walker our appreciation for their leadership in Sabougla church for the past seven years, and that we give them our sincere good wishes for the best of God's blessings in their new field of work."

WHITE BAPTISTS AND NEGRO BAPTISTS COLLABORATE

Southern Baptists are now faced with a golden opportunity to help solve one of the nation's most perplexing problems and, at the same time, tremendously extend the work of God. Negro Baptists are now collaborating with Southern Baptists in the great simultaneous revival crusades west of the Mississippi River, April 9-23, 1950, and east of the Mississippi River, March 25-April 8, 1951.

On September 9, 1949, the National Convention U. S. A., Inc., voted to collaborate with Southern Baptists in the above crusades. Dr. E. W. Perry of Oklahoma, who spoke before the Southern Baptist Convention in Oklahoma City this year, who is vice-president, was elected director of evangelism by his Convention. This Convention has a total membership in its churches of four and one-half million.

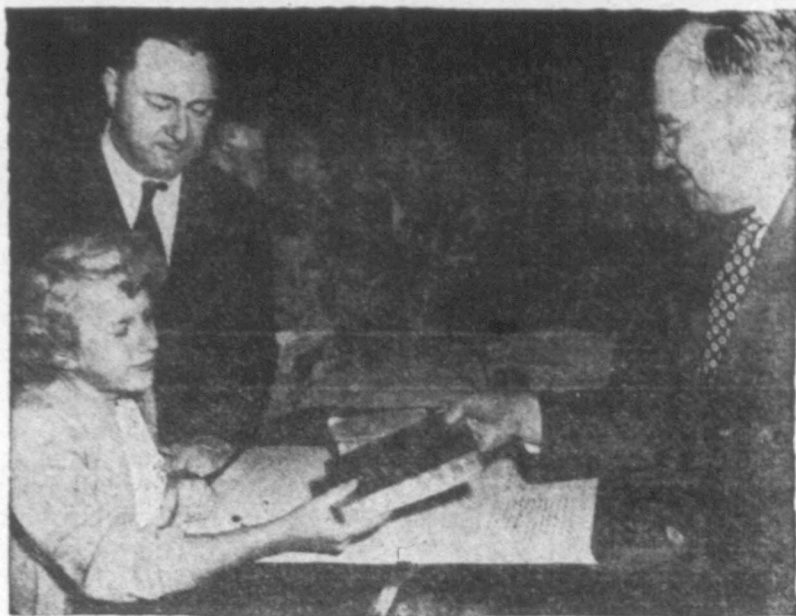
Since Dr. Perry has been elected the National Director of Evangelism, he has mailed a program and plan of promotion to 1,000 Negro Baptist preachers, urging them to join in the Crusade.

There are probably more Baptists among Negroes in America than all other faiths combined. The plain simple gospel as preached and believed by Baptists meets with a greater response from Negroes than it does from any other race on this earth. Communists and Catholics are both going all out in an effort to win the Negro. Baptists, regardless of color, have every advantage over both of these groups. A genuine Baptist, Negro or White, will never be a Communist or a Catholic. Baptists give no place in life to a totalitarian philosophy. Baptists are the most democratic people in this world; they are inherently democratic. They base their convictions on the democracy of the New Testament Christian and the New Testament church. Ritualism and idolatry are obnoxious to a real Baptist, for he believes in and enjoys a heartfelt religion. These facts obviously reveal why so many Negroes are Baptists.

What Should White Baptists Do?

Here is our appeal. In the face of

Indiana Girl Writes Last Verse In Handwritten Bible Fifteen Foreign Countries, 48 States And 31,102 Had Part



Betty Veenstra, writer of the last verse in the Handwritten Bible, receives a gold Bible from Rev. Don Norman (right), executive secretary of the Chicago Bible Society which sponsored this unusual project at the Chicago Railroad Fair, as Mr. George R. Kimbel of Illinois Central Railroad looks on.

EIGHTY WERE ENROLLED IN THE BTU Study Course at First Baptist Church, Batesville. The Adults and Young People studied "God's Hurry" and the Intermediates and Juniors studied the Manual.

our opportunity, white Baptist pastors in every association where both races live should now, immediately meet with colored Baptist pastors and work out the most practical plan for collaboration possible. The general chairmen in each group should take the initiative in this NOW. Time is priceless; the hour has struck for God's people to do something before it is too late. Both races have worked in beautiful fellowship and collaboration in simultaneous crusades in Fort Worth, Texas; in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, Oklahoma; in Kansas City; and in other associations.

If a Negro has Christ rightly related in his heart, he knows how to live among white people. When a white man has Jesus rightly related in his heart, he knows how to live where there are Negroes. Both races are here to stay until Jesus comes. Christ is the only answer to any and all problems that exist among all races on this earth.

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A Reader Writes

Our church was organized over one hundred years ago and our people used the same building all these years. Rev. C. Z. Holland was our pastor for several years and he encouraged, helped and led our people to build a new house of worship. We cleared away the trees, dug the excavation, poured the concrete foundation, and in six weeks time we were having services in the new church, and the building paid for at a cost of \$11,000.

Since then, one of our men, Talmadge Irby, gave the church a complete butane heating system at a cost of \$645 and a little later this same young man placed awnings over the church doors at a cost of more than \$80.

We only have 160 members but they are all true blue workers.

They come to all our church services, and they are a great help to us in every way. We also have one of the very best young pastors in Mississippi and he has a most wonderful wife to help him in his work and they are leading our people in a great way. He is Rev. Harold Jordan of Jackson.—R. H. Watts.

Betty Veenstra, 13, of Route 2, Gary, Indiana, wrote the last verse in the Chicago Bible Society's Handwritten Bible, at the Illinois Central Exhibit of the Railroad Fair, Tuesday, September 27 at 2 p. m., and received from Rev. Don Norman, Executive Secretary of the Chicago Bible Society, the award of a Bible bound in gold.

Betty was one of a group of 17 pupils from the Highland Christian School of Highland, Indiana, brought to the Fair by their principal, Mr. J. Vander Zee. They had no previous information that the Bible would be finished on the date of their visit to the Fair.

Mr. George R. Kimbel, Assistant Passenger Traffic Manager of the Illinois Central Railroad, was present at the concluding ceremonies, representing Wayne A. Johnson, President of the Road, who was out of the city. He expressed the delight of the Illinois Central at having had the Handwritten Bible in its exhibit.

Every state in the Union and fifteen foreign countries were represented by the 31,102 persons who wrote the Handwritten Bible. After the book has been edited and bound, it will be placed on exhibit about December 1 at the Chicago Bible House, 29 N. Clark Street, Chicago. During January, 1950 it will be exhibited at the American Bible Society's New York Headquarters, at the corner of 57th Street and Park Avenue. Following this, it will be on exhibit in major cities throughout the United States, to create interest in Bible reading. Believed to be the largest Handwritten Bible in the world, it will weigh about 125 pounds.

A unique feature of the Bible is the fact that it will contain an index showing the name of the person who wrote each verse. Thirty thousand copies of "The Sermon on the Mount" were given as souvenirs to those who participated in the writing of the Bible.

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DR. HENDON M. HARRIS, who served as missionary to China for 20 years, and Rev. N. A. Edmonds, of Jackson, are supplying the pulpits at South McComb and Holmesville churches in Pike County during the absence of Rev. James A. Bryant, pastor. Mr. Bryant is away for a month, beginning October 23, and has preaching engagements in Ann Arbor, Saginaw, Detroit and Pontiac, Mich., in Syracuse, N. Y., and in Madison and other places in Wisconsin.

A LETTER FROM THE DEAD

Below is reproduced a letter written by Sgt. David H. Denning, U. S. Army Air Force. He was missing in action in Germany on March 25, 1945 and was almost 20 years of age when killed. He has never been heard from.

The letter was never mailed. It was probably written the night before his last flight mission and left there. It was included in his things sent back home to his family.

His home was in Saucier and his parents are Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Denning who now live in the Big Level community.

My dear Family:

I feel that in case my crew should get forced down over the Reich you would like to know how I felt about everything. There is no use thinking that I might have parachuted to safety, and am now a prisoner of war. The Germans are killing all air men they capture. On every mission I carry a 45 Colt Automatic Pistol, two clips and a pocket full of cartridges. If I am not fortunate enough to be able to work my way through the lines, I intend to shoot any Nazi soldier or civilian who tries to stop me. This one stand will last until I am dead. It is not that I am afraid of the Nazis that I say this, but I can't stand the idea of being tortured or shot before one of their firing squads without a chance to fight back. I am a soldier of the U. S. Air Forces, and I'll fight to the end of the war, or me which ever comes first.

My flying has not been a time of fear. Fortunately, I have been able to pray much, and have the firm conviction that I may look forward to a death in Christ. It isn't so terrible after all, death takes only a few seconds, and then I shall be with God.

Is that after all such a dreadful transition? On the contrary, it is beautiful to be in God's strength every time. Before each flying and mission, I have prayed a short and strengthening prayer. God has told us He will not forget us, if only we pray to Him for support. I feel so strongly my nearness to God I am fully prepared to die. I hope that will be a consolation to you. But God knows best, and that our causes was a just one. I think it worse for you than me because I know that I have confessed my sins to Him and have become very calm. Therefore, please do not mourn my leaving too much, but pray for strength and trust in God.

Mother, forgive me any wrong I may have done. Do not cry, be courageous. I know I will see you again.

Father, forgive me, too. Be strong in your belief. Do not mourn, but thank God that we may have the certainty of His Grace.

Do not say, "Because you are gone, peace can be no joy for us any more." Because after all I am giving my life for our country, as so many other Yanks are doing at this time. Give me a firm hand shake. God's will be done. Many kisses to brothers and little sister, from me "Buck." Maybe they won't understand it so well, but teach them to believe.

Be courageous, they can only take my life and body. My soul is in God's hands. Until we meet again in a reunion which will be so much happier. Good-bye.

Your loving son,

(BUCK) DAVID H. DENNING

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55 ADDED IN REVIVAL AT WEST END, WEST POINT

Rev. Joe Bennet, pastor of Byram Church, did the preaching in a revival at West End Church, West Point. Rev. W. O. Pippen is the pastor.

There were 55 additions, 38 on profession of faith. Many Christians rededicated their lives to God's service.